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Israel revokes Tirawi's VIP pass

News agencies

Israel has decided to cancel the VIP card of a senior Palestinian Authority officer whom it holds responsible for the murder of three Palestinians alleged to have sold land to Israelis, according to Israel Radio and PA officials.

Col. Tawfik Tirawi is head of the Palestinian General Security Service in the West Bank. The VIP card enables the holder to enter Israel from the West Bank and the Gaza Strip freely and to cross into Jordan and back with no restrictions.

The PA officials said GSS head Ami Ayalon told PA Chairman Yasser Arafat at a meeting in the West Bank on Friday that Tirawi's pass would expire today.

Israeli officials would not comment on the report.

Two of the victims, Farid Bashiri and Ali Jamhour, were land dealers suspected by the Palestinians of having sold land to Jews. Both were residents of Jerusalem and had Israeli identity cards.

Tirawi called the move "an attack on Palestinian sovereignty," and denied any connection to the murders.

"I was not involved in any way in the killings of the land dealers. This is absolutely untrue," Tirawi said.

On Thursday, Israel issued a warrant for the arrest of one of Tirawi's subordinates, Hussein Saadeh, Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said. Saadeh is head of Palestinian intelligence in Ramallah.

In all, three Palestinians suspected of selling land to Jews have been killed in the past month and the kidnapping of a fourth was foiled at the last minute by police.

Police say they are holding at least four PA security officials involved in the killing of three Arabs suspected of selling land to Jews.

Senior PA officials have denied involvement in the deaths of the land dealers.

"Israel has no proof of any sort that the intelligence is involved in the killings. The Palestinian Authority is not involved in any way," said Amin Hindi, head of Palestinian intelligence in the Gaza Strip.

Hindi said that security officials were only gathering information about land sales to Israelis.

MK Hanan Porat (National Religious Party) welcomed the decision to revoke Tirawi's VIP card. Porat said, however, that the move is not enough, and action must also be taken against PA Justice Minister Freih Abu Medein. Abu Medein last month justified the activation of an old Jordanian law banning the sale of land to Israelis on penalty of death, saying the measure is necessary to prevent Jewish settlement building.



Keren Avnaim (center) is comforted by relatives at the funeral of her fiance and his parents in Jerusalem on Friday. (Flash 90 Courtesy of 'Ma'ariv')

Missing family on way to wedding dies in car crash

By IAN CHAM and news agencies

A night-long security alert and a massive search throughout the Jordan Valley ended Friday morning, when a helicopter spotted the Pell family's wrecked car overturned at the bottom of a roadside wadi.

Inside the car police found the bodies of Dr. Eli Pell, 46, his wife, Claudine, 45, their son, Uri, 24, and two of Uri's friends, Sgt. Eyal Yonenian, 22, and David Ben-Ishu, 22, all from Jerusalem. They had left the capital Thursday afternoon for Moshav Hazorim near Tiberias, where Uri was to be married to Keren Avnaim.

Judea and Samaria police said the Pell's car had apparently been speeding when the driver, Yonenian, failed to negotiate a sharp bend in the winding Jordan Valley highway, about five kilometers north of Moshav Argaman. The car swerved across the opposite lane and ran off the road, overturning several times till it came to rest at the bottom of a wadi some eight meters below.

Fire and Rescue Service personnel who extracted the victims' bodies from the crushed wreck were quoted by Israel Radio as saying that all five had apparently been killed instantly from the impact. The crash had occurred at about 2 p.m., police said.

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PA-Israel talks resume today in Cairo

By JON IMMANUEL, JAY BUSHINSKY, and news agencies

The future Israeli-Palestinian dialogue, aimed at renewing full-scale peace talks, is scheduled to resume in Cairo at 5 p.m. today under Egyptian auspices.

This arrangement was confirmed in a late-night telephone conversation between cabinet secretary Danny Naveh and Egyptian presidential adviser Osama el-Baz, Israel Radio reported.

The Israeli team will consist of Naveh, attorney Yitzhak Molcho, Foreign Ministry adviser Ya'acov Bardugo, and the prime minister's new political adviser, Uzi Arad.

Channel 1 reported last night that Israel has agreed to a temporary halt in the construction of Jewish settlements. The report said the two sides are now trying to reach agreement on the duration of a construction freeze in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, as well as in Jerusalem's Har Homa.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak, denied the reports, which were based on data from senior Palestinian and Israeli officials.

Initial disclosures by the Palestinians suggested Israel would begin work on a 3,000-unit housing project for Jerusalem Arabs "near Har Homa" immediately and would suspend work at the area earmarked for Jewish residents as soon as the infrastructure there is completed.

"Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu will freeze all building work for an unlimited period," they said.

The Egyptian initiative was almost scuttled when Foreign Minister Amr Moussa announced the meeting prematurely, prompting both sides to issue clarifications before finally confirming the talks would take place.

The Palestinian Authority said yesterday that it was encouraged by Egyptian mediation efforts to get political talks with Israel started again and hopes there will be practical progress in today's Cairo talks.

Unofficial Palestinian sources said that by going to Cairo, Israel is not ruling out a slowdown in settlement building, as this possibility is what makes a meeting in Cairo possible.

But Nabil Abu Rudeineh, adviser to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, said that "the only progress is that there will be a meeting and that we have better contacts with Israel. But there isn't any agreement concerning anything. Nothing has been agreed upon. We hope [Sunday] we might achieve something."

Abu Rudeineh also remarked on the close coordination of the US and Egyptian positions as something positive in light of Arafat's previous charges that the US sided with Israel.

A flurry of meetings between Arafat, Israeli officials and Arab leaders has encouraged the view that a way out of the deadlock is pending, and that this has to involve a cessation or slowdown of Israeli building in disputed areas, including the Har Homa project in southeast Jerusalem. A slowdown would most

likely be accompanied by an acceleration of final-status talks.

Arafat met with Molcho, General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, and the head of the GSS Judea and Samaria unit on Friday, according to Palestinian sources. Arafat then went to Cairo yesterday to meet with President Hosni Mubarak. Today he is expected in Amman for talks with King Hussein.

Diplomatic sources said Friday (Egypt is pushing a five-point plan, which includes a freeze on any change in the status of Jerusalem and a ban on Jewish settlement building in the West Bank for "a sufficient period."

In return, the Palestinians would give a firm commitment to address Israel's security demands, they added.

Today's meeting will center on "important points connected with the peace process, including settlements," Moussa said.

Tahseen Basheer, a former Egyptian ambassador to the Arab League who visited Israel last week, said the main purpose of Egypt's involvement in the talks is to ensure that "the show goes on" while the Palestinians and Israelis refuse to talk directly.

"They work as a safety net to keep the talks from falling down too heavily," said Basheer.

Unlike the PA, which categorically rejected as a basis for final-status talks the government's "Allon-Plus" plan involving the ceding of 40%-50% of the West Bank to the PA, Basheer considered it a "conceptual breakthrough."

Moratinos: Egypt has 2 weeks to break stalemate

By HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON - The US and the European Union will give Egypt two weeks to advance its plan to break the Israeli-Palestinian stalemate, after which they will formulate a new strategy, the EU's peace envoy Miguel Angel Moratinos said here on Friday.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Moratinos said he is "very, very satisfied" by what he described as the joint American-EU effort to move the peace process ahead.

Yesterday's meeting between Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak could indicate how the Egyptian effort is progressing, he added.

After meeting with US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross, Moratinos said that as a result of his visit to Washington, his second in four months in the job, the EU's "special relationship" with Washington "has been reinforced."

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American administration will be fully involved and will try to do something, along with the EU... If there is something, [the EU leader-



Miguel Moratinos (Bryan McBarney)

ship) will applaud. If not, we'll react."

Moratinos did not elaborate on what steps would constitute progress or on how the outside parties would spur the talks if the current effort fails. But he confirmed that Palestinian security cooperation and Israeli concessions on building at Har Homa and in settlements form the crux of the package.

Moratinos's two-day visit included Thursday's meeting of the ad-hoc liaison committee of international donors to the Palestinian cause. When the session broke up Thursday night, PA Planning Minister Nabil Shaath told reporters he had "allayed the fears

of the donor community" about the PA's alleged waste of \$329 million in contributions.

Shaath told the donors the PA has produced an audit of its financial books, which he said deals with how the PA can lower long-term expenses, rather than addressing the corruption charges. Shaath did not show delegates the report but promised to provide copies to them within a week, Moratinos said.

On the corruption issue, Shaath told a Norwegian reporter outside the State Department: "I'm sure there is corruption in every country, including yours. This report does not touch the corruption [question]. This report is entirely devoted to ways and means of saving money by better collection of taxes, by cutting out smuggling, by building more government buildings instead of renting them. It has to do with ideas on what can be done to save money rather than about who stole money. It was not a report about corruption... It's very easy to make an accusation. It's very difficult to wipe it out."

Moratinos said he would not comment on Shaath's statements until he reads the report. But he echoed a theme of Thursday's proceedings by stating that "the international community is concerned, preoccupied, by the use of international funds."

Foreign Ministry deputy director-general Haim Divon said the meeting's greatest achievement was its overcoming the political crisis and maintaining the focus on improving the Palestinians' financial situation.

Education Ministry plans to investigate use of dictionaries in English exams

By JUDY SIEGEL

The chairman of the Education Ministry's English advisory committee has proposed that printed dictionaries be barred from use while taking the English matriculation exam, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The suggestion, by Bar-Ilan University English department chairman Prof. Bernard Spolsky, has been put on ice until research can be conducted to determine the

effects of the use of dictionaries - printed and possibly electronic - on matriculation exam performance.

Spolsky voiced his opposition to the use of any kind of dictionary during English exams when interviewed by last March about efforts by the importers of the Franklin's Oxford electronic dictionary to get approval for use during testing. The English professor based his stance on foreign studies that showed using dictionaries actually slowed down weak pupils rather than improved their grades. Some 55,000 high-school pupils take the English matriculation exams each year.

Committee members, who met last week, said that conditions in Israel may be unique, requiring a

local examination of the effects of dictionaries. The ministry's chief supervisor of English, Judy Steiner, said last night that committee members would write proposals for obtaining grants for the research.

"I hope it won't take years to get the funds and carry out the research, but I doubt it would take less than a year," she said.

Steiner said Spolsky's proposal was "only one of those raised, and his being the chairman does not mean that it is the committee's official policy."

as they have for a decade - but not the Franklin-Oxford electronic dictionary, which is based on the volume.

Several members of the committee argued that barring dictionary use would be "anachronistic" and set English education back decades.

Asked to comment, electronic dictionary importer Uzzi Haramati (managing director of S.I. Technologies), said: "Today, technological skills require not memorizing formulas and words, but knowing how to access accurate information quickly, as via the Internet. Is the ministry going to bar the use of electronic calculators for the math exam and the Bible for the Bible exam, too?"

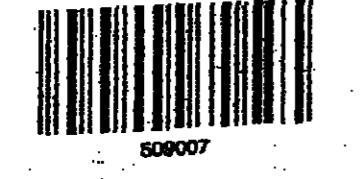
Two children from Rahat found dead

In a double-tragedy in Rahat, a Beduin town in the Negev, a four-year-old boy and his three-year-old sister died in their home yesterday, apparently from food poisoning or a snake-bite.

At about 4 p.m., the Grinawi family noticed that their two children, Asraf and Rawan, had lost consciousness. They took them to the town's medical center, where a doctor determined their deaths, suspecting that they had either ingested a poisonous substance or been bitten by a snake.

The bodies were taken to the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute for autopsies.

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NEWS

in brief

Officers in Lebanon to be paid bonus

In a show of appreciation for their service in Lebanon, the IDF has begun paying all regular army officers there a NIS 1,000 monthly hardship bonus. The IDF said the bonus will be given only to officers serving in south Lebanon and that all officer ranks would receive the same sum. The move came as A Voice Calling for Peace, a group of mother's of soldiers serving in Lebanon, spent the weekend - which marked the 15th anniversary of Israel's invasion of that country - collecting signatures against the continued IDF presence there. Over 2,000 signatures were reportedly collected. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Israeli witnesses to appear in Jordan trial

The first group of Israeli witnesses is to testify tomorrow in the trial of Jordanian Pvt. Ahmed Daqamsa, charged with shooting dead seven Beit Shemesh schoolgirls at Naharayim in March. The prosecution said on yesterday. The court heard witness accounts from six comrades of Daqamsa, who retold details of the killing of the girls, six of them 13 years old and one just 11, at the so-called "Island of Peace." Judicial experts said the appearance of Israeli citizens in a public trial in Jordan is unprecedented and is made possible by the peace treaty which normalized ties after a 46-year state of war. *Reuter*

Two dead in traffic accidents

Gur Ohayon, 22, was killed on Friday when his car overturned as he left Sdom on his way home to Dimona. He had completed a night shift as a security guard at a hotel in Sdom, leaving at 7:30 a.m. The accident occurred 10 minutes later. Mordechai Hai, 32, of Jerusalem was killed by a passing car as he changed a tire near the Ben-Shemen interchange while on his way to Tel Aviv on Friday. The driver of the car was detained and released on bail. Nine people were injured, one seriously, when two jeeps overturned on the Golan Heights yesterday afternoon. The two jeeps were driving on a road near Gamla. Five people were injured in a collision between two cars in the Tiberias industrial area on Friday afternoon. Three were moderately injured, and two lightly. *Itim*

Murderers try to burn woman's body

The body of a 27-year-old woman was found early yesterday by firefighters in an abandoned building in downtown Jerusalem. Police said the woman had been murdered elsewhere and her body had been taken to the building and set on fire late Friday night in an attempt to hide the crime. The body was taken to the Forensic Institute at Abu Kabir for an autopsy. *Itim*

Three bombs found in Gaza

Three homemade bombs were found near the Gaza Strip's southern border on Friday morning. Border Police sappers safely detonated them. *Itim*

Barak invited to Egypt

By SARAH HONIG

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has invited new Labor Party Chairman Ehud Barak to Egypt as his official guest. A date for the visit is yet to be fixed. The invitation came during a phone call which Mubarak made to Barak on Friday to congratulate him for having won his party's leadership. Barak has received many mes-

sages and calls from around the Arab world, including a phone call from Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Barak meanwhile made good his promise to assiduously visit Shas strongholds. On Friday, he visited Tel Aviv's Kfar Shalem neighborhood, where he conferred with several dozen invited members of the community, billed as Likud and Shas supporters. The Labor organiza-

tion reported that those who took part in the meeting all told Barak that they had voted for Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu in last year's elections, but now rued their choice. Barak's interlocutors advised him that he could win neighborhoods like theirs if he would evince a tougher stance vis-a-vis the Arabs and distance himself from Meretz. Barak will be meeting one of his competitors, MK Shlomo Ben-

Ami, who won 14 percent of the primary votes. Ben-Ami in the meantime has secured for himself an audience with Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef for tonight. Barak has also requested that Yosef receive him, but is still waiting for an appointment to be set. Barak is also expected to find time this week for the other rivals he defeated in the primary, most of all runner-up Yossi Beilin.

UN: Israel must pay for shelling

By MARILYN HENRY

The UN budget committee, after a hotly-contested debate early yesterday, called on Israel to pay some \$1.7 million in compensation for damages from last year's IDF shelling of a UNIFIL base at Kana in Lebanon. The sum was to cover the outstanding costs of the Kana incident, including \$880,000 for relocating the Fijian battalion. During the debate, the US called for a separate vote on the compensation provision. It passed 58-2, with Israel and the US opposing and 52 abstentions, primarily from European nations. The committee's resolution is expected to undermine Western support for UNIFIL, a source at the Israeli mission to the UN said yesterday. The US, criticizing the politicization of the budget committee, indicated that it would not support the routine renewal of UNIFIL's mandate, the source said.



Friendly match

Mahed Ashkar (left), captain of the Palestinian soccer team, shakes hands with his Jordanian counterpart, Jamal Abu Abed, as they swap pendants before their match yesterday, which inaugurated the PA's \$2.5 million stadium in Jericho. The game, the Palestinian team's first against any international opponent, ended goalless. *(Reuter)*

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

Labor's bloodless war

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Ehud Barak's landslide victory in the Labor primaries dominated this weekend's Hebrew political supplements. It may have been called a bloodless and civilized campaign. Nonetheless, the showdown was a real war and its outcome may change the face of Israeli politics. *Yediot Aharonot's* Oriy Azulai-Katz made the inevitable comparisons between Barak and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Both are young, ambitious, political loners with a "killer instinct" and a deep yearning for the most powerful position in the state. Kibbutz-born Barak, with his glorious military track record, is perceived, according to surveys conducted for the article, as more of a real Israeli than Netanyahu. Barak emerged as more honest, trustworthy, and capable of negotiating and handling people than Netanyahu. Katz predicts both Netanyahu and Barak will now vigorously steer for the political center in preparation for the next elections.

Ma'ariv, in a variation on this theme, says Barak has already begun planning his first weeks as prime minister. He has read position papers and has consulted with experts on social, economic, security, and foreign issues. But first, notes Shalom Yerushalmi, the new Labor leader must secure the cooperation of his rivals for the primaries so that the party, with united forces, can launch its real campaign against the Likud. Yerushalmi also compares Barak's sweeping assault first on Labor's leadership and now on the top slot in the government to Netanyahu's impressive triumph at the beginning of the decade. They were both elected their party's leader three years before the Knesset elections, both got the support of more than 50% of their party members, both arrived at their victory ceremonies with their excited wives, and both called on their rivals to join them in the battle against the real enemy (the other party, then in power, of course). Haim Ramon, Barak's arch rival in Labor, will now return to head

Labor's dovish camp, becoming the main addressee of Barak's calls for unity, Yerushalmi guesses. "If Ramon and [MK Yossi] Beilin don't form a camp, I'll make them partners in everything," Barak is quoted. *Ha'aretz*, exploring the power balance in Labor in the wake of Barak's victory, asking whether the new leader will be able to bring about the necessary change in the party's arthritic structure which will give it a chance to return to power. In her column, Hanna Kim describes MKs Avraham Shohat and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer as two bridesmaids, who immediately after Barak's victory started pacing behind the bride, jealously clutching her train and not leaving her for a moment. They are especially concerned by the unexpected success of MK Shlomo Ben-Ami, who is considered one of the biggest winners in the primaries. This Europhilic history professor has become what Foreign Minister David Levy was 20 years ago. Veterans in the party leadership are already pinning the "ethnic" or "social issues" label on his forehead. Both tabloids highlighted excerpts from two newly published books which attempt to crack the mystery of Netanyahu's personality, past, and meteoric rise to power. *Yediot* printed chapters of *Who are You, Mr. Prime Minister?* by Ronit Vardi and *Ma'ariv* published parts of *Netanyahu: The Way to Power* by Ben Caspit and Ilan Kfir. Both papers provide juicy details of Netanyahu's affairs and marriages.

how he begged his first wife to take him back while carrying on his affair with the second one in the US and another one in Tel Aviv, how he married Sara, his present wife, because she got pregnant and how she threw him out after finding out about his mistress, etc. Interestingly, the books portray Netanyahu not as an ardent woman-chaser but rather as passive - even nerdy - in his relations with the opposite sex. It is the women who pursue him and initiate the relationships, the authors conclude. In a well-timed "response" to some of these stories, Sara Netanyahu gave *Yediot Aharonot's* local weeklies a rare interview, in which she tries to settle accounts with the media and her critics. She refutes the existence of an agreement which reportedly set rules for the marital relations between her and Netanyahu after she broke up with him over his affair with Ruth Bar. According to the reports, Sara, who was represented by attorney Ya'acov Ne'eman, said she agreed to reconcile with Netanyahu on condition that he remain completely faithful and take her along on every trip, in Israel and abroad, except for secret missions. She also denies interfering in his ministerial appointments, like pushing for the appointment of Ne'eman as justice minister. She was also rumored to have vetoed Limor Livnat for a ministerial appointment because she suspected Livnat of having an affair with her husband.

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Speakers: Nomi Bar-Yaacov, Human Rights Attorney

Lisel Gemilholz, South African Human Rights Commission

Daphna Golan, Bat Shalom

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As part of its fight against road accidents involving soldiers on leave, the Israel Army has opened a series of courses in advanced driving for new army drivers and other young military personnel.

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The National Fund Raising Campaign will take place on June 26, 1997 on the following local radio stations:

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FM 102	The Voice of the Red Sea
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With deep sorrow we mourn the passing of

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The funeral will take place today, Sunday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at the Even Yehuda Cemetery.

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Devra, Naftali, Assaf and Nittai

In deep sorrow and in gratitude for a life well lived, we mourn the loss of our beloved

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Miriam and Yossi Ben-Yashar
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David Bodoff
Evelyn Schreiber

Funeral will take place today, Sunday, June 8 at 4 p.m. at Eretz Hachaim Cemetery, Beit Shemesh. Bus leaving from Laromne Hotel, Jerusalem at 2:30 p.m. Shiva at the Krauss home, 2 Rehov Bar Nisan, Jerusalem (corner Rehov Kaf-Tat B'November and Rehov Tel Hai) until one hour before Shavuot.

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Deeply mourns the passing of

GEORGE SHRUT

Lausanne, Boston

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Doctor of Philosophy Honoris Causa of the University
Vice Chairman of its Board of Governors

and extends its heartfelt condolences to
Milada Ayrton and the entire family

Lord Weidenfeld of Chelsea, Prof. Avishay Braverman
Chairman of the Board of Governors President

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OLGA GILLIS (Kirsch)

has passed away after a long illness bravely born.

She will be sadly missed by

Her daughters: **Michal Lyons and family**
Ada Zohar and family

Her sisters: **Becky Davis and family**
Janette Hirschman and family

Her brother: **Bernard Kirsch and family**

We wish to thank her neighbors and all her friends for their caring support and help.

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Government up for grabs as Irish voters reject Bruton

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DUBLIN — Initial results from Ireland's national election left the government up for grabs yesterday.

Estimates carried out by armies of "tallymen" — activists of the major parties — suggested that voters had dumped Prime Minister John Bruton's three-party coalition but failed to give the opposition Fianna Fail-led alliance of Bertie Ahern a winning mandate.

Voters seemed to have little regard for the unprecedented prosperity the Bruton coalition has brought to the country of 3.6 million people now known internationally as the economic "Tiger of Europe."

The historic rival parties Fianna Fail and Fine Gael made steady gains but their smaller coalition partners were faring poorly.

Fianna Fail's electoral ally, the right wing Progressive Democrats of Mary Haney would lose several of the eight seats they hold in parliament. This would leave Fianna Fail leader Ahern casting around smaller parties to win the 85 seats he needs to control the 166-seat Dail or lower house of parliament.

The big loser in the election appeared to be Bruton's key ally, the Labor party of Dick Spring, which has been in government for 10 of the last 15 years. The party could lose up to nine of its 32 seats, and with it the balance of power.

Sinn Fein, political wing of the outlawed IRA, will enter parliament for the first time since the Irish ousted the British to gain freedom in the 1920s. Caoimhghin O Caoilain won a seat yesterday in the border constituency of Cavan-Monaghan, sending signals beyond Ireland's borders to Washington and London, reinforcing Sinn Fein's demand for entry to talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

A separate exit poll conducted by the semi-state RTE broadcasting network last night confirmed the tallymen's findings and said the outgoing coalition would win 39.8 percent of total votes and



Observers watch proceedings at a vote-counting center in Dublin yesterday.

(Reuters)

the rival alliance 45.5 percent. Official totals weren't expected until at least today because of Ireland's complex electoral system.

An inconclusive result is the outcome most feared by financial markets. Economists say the resultant uncertainty about economic policy and the prospect of a precarious government could cast a shadow over booming Irish markets and worry international investors.

Bruton, the millionaire son of a County Meath farmer, was first elected to the Dail in 1969 at the

age of 22, but despite his experience still exhibits a certain boyish neeriness, social unease and a braying laugh. A big image asset is his close family — wife Finola and four children often feature alongside him on the campaign.

Ahern, 46, a flesh-pressing Dubliner first elected 20 years ago, has risen through the ranks of Ireland's most popular. His image consultants have eliminated his old reputation for floppy hair and ill-fitting clothes, replacing them with stick suits and silk ties.

Separated from his wife, he

campaigns alongside his companion Celia Larkin. His campaign director admits this goes down none too well in conservative rural areas where Christian values remain solid.

Ahern said the London *Guardian*, "is a broad-shouldered man with a bold, glad-handing political style and would make a good and convincing Governor of Massachusetts."

Ireland's brand of proportional representation is designed to ensure that smaller parties win seats. It allows voters to choose candidates by preference — "1,"

"2," "3" and so on.

Each voting district has three, four or five seats on offer. Candidates must get a minimum number of votes to win, the number set by each district. The first preference count determines the battling order.

If any candidates top the constituency's winning number, their "extra" votes are proportionally redistributed according to the No. 2 choice on each ballot. If no candidate tops the winning number, the bottom candidate is eliminated and the votes redistributed to other candidates.

Algeria poll amid weary disillusion

ALGIERS (Reuters) — The outcome of Algeria's multi-party parliamentary election showed widespread disenchantment among voters, coupled with a demand for change through consensus in the violence-ridden country, diplomats and analysts said yesterday.

"The first party now in Algeria is the one of the Algerians who abstained from voting," analyst Yacine Abdelkrim said.

Western diplomats said the abstention rate of about 45 percent in voting reflected disillusion among large sectors of the population, mostly in the main cities, who had pinned their hopes on President Liamine Zeroual to restore peace and ease economic hardships and corruption.

The National Democratic Party (RND), grouping Zeroual's backers, won 33.69 percent of votes cast, with 155 seats in the 380-seat National Assembly (lower house).

Two legal Islamist parties between them won more than 100 seats.

"Muslim fundamentalism emerged as the great winner of the legislative election. (The two parties) have more than 100 parliament members and can weigh on the country's future policy," wrote Hassane Zerouky, editor of *Le Matin* newspaper, yesterday.

Although his party won most

seats, many people feel Zeroual, who wields paramount power in this nation of 29 million people, has not fulfilled the hopes of voters who helped him overthrow Islamist Mahfoud Nahnah and secularist Said Sadi in the presidential poll 18 months ago.

"Zeroual had sparked hope among voters then. But most people feel there has been no improvement in their daily life under the shadow of Moslem guerrilla violence which turned into random terror," said a senior western diplomat.

The Movement for a Peaceful Society (MPS) led by Mahfoud Nahnah, the main Islamist-oriented party since the FIS was outlawed, was way behind the RND in Thursday's poll with 14.8 percent of the vote, giving it 69 seats.

Nahnah won one third of the vote in the presidential poll in 1995.

The second legal Islamist-oriented party, Nahda, emerged as the surprise of the poll with 34 seats. The Nahda movement ranked fourth behind the formerly ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) which gained 64 seats.

Diplomats said the Nahda party had become the niche of hard-core militant Islam in Algeria by winning to its ranks some militants of the outlawed FIS.

Russia may vote on burying Lenin's body

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris Yeltsin yesterday proposed letting Russians decide whether to bury Vladimir Lenin, while parliament approved a union with Belarus, where Lenin fought much of his bitter war to establish Bolshevik rule.

On Russia's southern edge, four Russian journalists were released after three months of captivity in breakaway Chechnya, where local leaders have struggled to maintain law and order after fighting off a Russian military intervention in 1994-96.

In Moscow, the State Duma lower house of parliament voted almost unanimously to ratify a loose union between Russia and Belarus signed last month by Yeltsin and Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko.

Only two deputies voted against the proposal. Most Russians and

Belarusians, nostalgic for the Soviet Union that collapsed in 1991, support integration moves between their two states.

The communist-dominated Duma will not give such a positive response to Yeltsin's latest initiative, however.

In St. Petersburg, Russia's second city, the president made a rare trip on home soil and proposed that voters should decide the fate of Lenin's embalmed body, which is still on display in his mausoleum alongside the Kremlin walls on Red Square.

"I hope we will gradually rid Red Square of its status of a cemetery," Yeltsin told cultural leaders, saying a referendum could be held in the autumn.

Yeltsin has twice appeared on the verge of burying the communist founder of the Soviet Union — in 1991 and 1993 — but each time he let the matter slide.

Leone coup leader sees role for rebels

FREETOWN (Reuters) — The leader of Sierra Leone's military coup said yesterday the army and rebels were fed up with fighting and had joined forces to restore peace to the troubled West African state.

Major Johnny Paul Koromah also said he planned a broad-based government in which Foday Sankoh's Revolutionary United Front (RUF) rebels, who took up arms in 1991, would play a full part.

But ousted civilian president Ahmad Tejan Kabbah, now in neighboring Guinea, said he was optimistic that his supporters and foreign friends would help to restore him as head of state.

Koromah, speaking to Reuters television, said: "They (rebels) are tired of fighting. We need peace and we want it now and we are going to get peace." He added: "Our intention is to form a broad based government of national unity fully incorporating the RUF to restore everlasting peace and sanity throughout the country."

The coup-makers say they are committed to the democratic process and want a negotiated settlement. "We want elections but there are problems that we have to solve," Koromah said, adding that this

would take at least 18 months. The coup was the third in five years in Sierra Leone, one of the world's poorest countries despite mineral wealth such as diamonds, and has been widely condemned.

An Organization of African Unity summit in Zimbabwe called for Kabbah's reinstatement and officials in Ghana said West African leaders might hold an emergency meeting in Nigeria next week.

Nigeria, the regional power, already had troops in Sierra Leone under a defence pact and sent in reinforcements as part of West African efforts to restore Kabbah to power, but dissident army officers said they would not allow him to return.

Kabbah told Reuters in Guinea's capital of Conakry that he expected to be back home "pretty soon." "I know the people of Sierra Leone are solidly behind me... although we clearly need external help to restore and moreover to maintain law and order," he said.

Jospin, Kohl hold conversation on EU

PARIS (Reuters) — France's new Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin held a long telephone conversation with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Friday to prepare the ground ahead of two summits seen as crucial for the launch of a single European currency.

Aides also said Jospin would accompany President Jacques Chirac to a European Union summit on June 16 and 17 indicating that Jospin wanted to take a high profile in foreign policy, long mostly the preserve of France's president.

But an official in Jospin's office said his presence at the talks would not create problems with the centre-right president.

Despite growing market speculation that the change in French government and a row between Germany's government and central bank could delay the launch of a single currency, EU official Yves-Thibault de Silguy said the project was "irreversible" and would start on time in 1999.

In another sign of intense political activity, French diplomats in Brussels said new Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn would attend a dinner for European Union finance ministers tonight ahead of tomorrow's meeting of finance ministers in Luxembourg.

Jospin's presence at the EU summit in Amsterdam will be one of the first major tests of his so-called *cohabitation* with Chirac, but de Silguy, European Monetary Affairs Commissioner, sought to play down concerns that there would be rifts.

He said on French radio: "France always speaks with a single voice...in general, in other cohabitations, there has been a French delegation led by the president of the republic." Doubts about the new Socialist administration's commitment to the EU's stability and growth pact, designed to keep spending by members of a single currency under control, surfaced when Jospin said in the French election campaign he did not feel bound by its terms.

Clarke favorite for Tory leadership

LONDON (Reuters) — Former British finance minister Kenneth Clarke is favorite to win the first round of voting for the leadership of the Conservative Party, ousted from government in elections on May 1.

Bookmakers William Hill make Clarke 5/6 favourite in Tuesday's ballot of Conservative members of parliament.

William Hague is second favorite at 6/5 with Peter Lilley at 11/2, Michael Howard at 16/1 and John Redwood a 33/1 outsider. All are former ministers.

The leadership contest is however likely to go to a second round between the two leading contenders.

Conservative leader John Major expressed his wish to step down from the job after the Labor Party won a landslide victory in the election.

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Shooting continues in Brazzaville

By ROGER KOY

BRAZZAVILLE (Reuters) — Fresh firefights broke out in the capital of Congo Brazzaville yesterday, the third day of a standoff between supporters of ex-president Denis Sassou Nguesso and troops loyal to President Pascal Lissouba, witnesses said.

Witnesses and a Western diplomatic source spoke of isolated clashes and widespread looting in some parts of the city, which was divided into no-go areas for the rival forces.

The clashes began after Lissouba's government ordered a crackdown on private militias and unauthorized possession of weapons ahead of a presidential election planned for July 27.

Troops surrounded Sassou Nguesso's home on Thursday.

The diplomatic source said supporters of Sassou Nguesso were targeting political and ethnic allies of Lissouba for looting while soldiers were targeting political and ethnic allies of Sassou Nguesso plus former military associates.

Sassou Nguesso has accused Lissouba of fomenting violence to postpone the election.

His supporters, who were more

lightly armed but more mobile than the army, appeared to be trying to take control of Maya Maya international airport, the diplomatic source added.

Witnesses reported the occasional boom of cannon fire.

One unconfirmed report said that a house belonging to the wife of President Omar Bongo of Gabon had been looted.

Political parties armed their supporters after 1993 parliamentary elections. At that time, ethnic and political clashes killed 2,000 people in the capital. The militias were supposed to have been disbanded.

Witnesses had reported shots and explosions near the presidency after the start of the curfew on Friday night.

Yesterday, they said these appeared to have been from mortars, rocket-propelled grenades or heavy weapons fired from near the presidency in the direction of Sassou Nguesso's northern stronghold.

One report said that supporters of Sassou Nguesso, a former military leader named president in 1979 but voted out of office with the advent of democratic reform in 1992, had taken control of a military camp in the north.

Fighting between supporters of Sassou Nguesso and of Lissouba's campaign manager in the north has killed at least 16 people in under a month.

The latest standoff began on Thursday when troops surrounded Sassou Nguesso's home. Officials said that they had gone there to arrest members of his entourage on murder charges in connection with the incidents in the north.

Lissouba, Sassou Nguesso and Brazzaville mayor and 1992 presidential runner-up Bernard Kolelas are likely to be the front-runners among about a dozen hopefuls on July 27 - if the polls take place.

Kolelas's supporters control southern suburbs on the Congo River. Witnesses said they had closed off their area. Troops from the French Foreign Legion guarded the French ambassador's residence there.

International telephone links with Congo Brazzaville, which is dwarfed by Laurent Kabila's Democratic Republic of Congo to the south, have been down since Friday. Telephone contacts remained possible through residents or visitors plugged into the mobile telephone network in Kabila's Congo.



Papal homeland visit

A girl kisses the ring of Pope John Paul II during communion at the Holy Family Church in the Polish mountain resort of Zakopane yesterday. The pope is on an 11-day tour of his homeland. (Reuters)

Accusations of Khmer Rouge revival

PHNOM PENH (AP) — Cambodia's Co-Prime Minister Hun Sen accused Norodom Ranariddh, his counterpart in the country's coalition government, yesterday of reviving the genocidal Khmer Rouge by holding peace talks with its hard-line leaders.

"The Khmer Rouge is weak now militarily (but) Ranariddh's party is saving the Khmer Rouge from being demobilized," Hun Sen said in a radio broadcast.

Ranariddh and Hun Sen share power in an increasingly tense and unworkable coalition. The disputes between their rival political parties and military factions has threatened to boil over into violence several times in recent months.

Military commanders loyal to Ranariddh's party said they are seeking a peace agreement with Khmer Rouge hardliners in their last remaining stronghold of Anlong Veng, near the Thai border.

The general in charge of the negotiations, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said yesterday that the three top Khmer Rouge leaders, Pol Pot, Ta Mok and Son Sen, "escaped more than 10 days ago," with a small circle of loyalists. He had no further details on their whereabouts.

Negotiators had earlier said the three would be allowed to seek asylum in another country. Their remaining troops could return to the government fold, along with Khieu Samphan, a high-ranking guerrilla official who publicly represents Pol Pot.

The most recent talks took place at Preah Vihear temple, 310 km north of Phnom Penh, on Wednesday, said the general, who added that some 7,000 Khmer Rouge soldiers and 90,000 civilians under their control were ready for peace.

The Khmer Rouge, which ruled the country from 1975-79, is responsible for the death of up to 2 million Cambodians through overwork, illness, starvation and execution.

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Libyan letter outrages Pan Am families

WASHINGTON (AP) — Relatives of those killed in the 1988

Pan Am bombing over Scotland say they're dismissing a letter sent to them by Libyan officials as a "propaganda ploy" to get the United Nations to lift sanctions on Libya.

The letter says Libya is "ready to enter serious negotiations ... regarding the procedures leading to a trial" of two Libyan intelligence agents indicted in the United States on charges related to the bombing that killed 259 people on the plane and 11 people on the ground.

"It's unconvincing and it's outrageous," Rosemary Wolfe, who heads a group of victims' families, was quoted as saying in yesterday's Washington Post. She called the letter "just a propaganda ploy" to get the United Nations to lift sanctions on air travel to Libya and on

export sales to its oil industry.

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Daddy's girl graduates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A father's memory of first steps and bedtime stories mingled with a president's challenge for the future as President Clinton gave his daughter's graduating class a personal sendoff.

Chelsea Victoria Clinton, 25th in the alphabetical procession of graduates under their control were ready for peace.

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Chelsea Clinton

(Reuters)

us longs to hold you once more as we did when you could barely walk — to read to you just one more time "Good Night Moon," Clinton said.

Officials at the Quaker school refused to open the invitation-only commencement, although the White House arranged for reporters to hear Clinton's speech and aides described the ceremony.

After a reception at the school, the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton hosted a party at the White House for Chelsea's uncles and grandparents.

"I didn't see a single tear from anyone," said Marsha Berry, a spokeswoman for the first lady.

But Mrs. Clinton had braced for a good cry as their only child — who took spring break vacations with Mom and, every November since she was born, went with Dad to the voting booth — took her first steps toward separation.

Chelsea leaves in the fall for California and freshman year at Stanford University.

Three years later, O.J. Simpson surveys his future

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three years and two trials after his ex-wife's slaying, former US football star O.J. Simpson says he's resigned to a future clouded by public disdain and financial ruin but is buoyed by loyal friends and the challenge of raising two children.

He knows most people think he's a murderer but says: "I'm beyond defending myself. I have total faith that eventually the truth will emerge and they will know they were mistaken."

In February, a jury found Simpson liable for the killings of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend, Ronald Goldman, disagreeing with a criminal trial jury that acquitted Simpson of the crimes in October 1995.

The case — involving elements of race, sex, money and celebrity — riveted the country. Simpson is black. The victims were white. In a rare at-home interview, Simpson told The Associated Press he expects to lose his mansion to foreclosure — "The house is history" — but will stay in Los Angeles where his children have flocks of friends and "I have such a support base." He denies reports that singer Michael Jackson loaned him \$1.6

million or that the Sultan of Brunei offered to bankroll him. All of it, he said, is fiction.

Simpson was interviewed in his living room, now missing the artifacts of his life with Nicole Brown Simpson. The paintings, the Lalique and Baccarat crystal figurines and the football trophies all were carried away by sheriff's deputies as partial payment for the \$33.5 million in damages he was ordered to pay in his wrongful death trial.

Once a millionaire, Simpson said he was broke — his fortune eaten up by legal costs — and could not pay the judgment to the Brown and Goldman families.

Simpson, wearing shorts and a golf shirt, appeared fit, but walked slowly and said he is troubled by arthritis. He will turn 50 in July.

The children, Sydney, 12, and Justin, 9, are the center of Simpson's universe now. He basks in their accomplishments, the most recent being Justin's spot on a school basketball team and Sydney's interest in her father's favorite sport, golf.

"My goal and dream is to play golf with my kids. You can't focus on the negatives. You deal with what's happening today."

Adultery remains big taboo for Americans

By MIKE FEINSLBER

WASHINGTON (AP) — It violates the Uniform Code of Military Justice, not to mention the Seventh Commandment. It is illegal in most places and in recent days it has meant nothing but trouble for four ranking military men.

Infidelity — or to give it its harsher name, adultery — seems to have become promiscuously prominent in the last few weeks.

But those who study these matters in America say that even though sexual opportunities are increasing and attitudes vary towards sexual

activity outside marriage, American married couples are an overwhelmingly faithful lot.

People engage in sex more often before marriage — and divorced or divorcing people after marriages — than Americans once did. But the marital bonds still bind.

A national sex survey conducted by the University of Chicago asks married people whether infidelity is always or almost always wrong and 98 percent said yes, that's so.

And these people claim to do as they say: Asked how many sexual partners they had in the past year, more than 95 percent said

one, or none.

"In Americans' attitude toward sex, there's something different about being married," says William Mosher, a government statistician. "We hold that relationship as special and exclusive, despite all the other changes in attitudes." He adds: "Given that most people think it's OK to have multiple sex relationships before you get married — which is a big change in attitudes from the past — it is striking that our attitude toward sex with multiple partners while married hasn't changed much. Adultery is still an issue that grabs Americans in the gut." Now, as much as ever: Sexual offenses of one sort or another have in recent weeks brought trouble to the Air Force's first and only female B-52 pilot, the Army's top enlisted man and four starred officers — the

commanding general of the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, the commander of the Navy's supply system, the commander of the Army's medical operations in the Southeast and the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, whose elevation to the top post has been jeopardized by his admission to an adulterous affair in the 1980s.

And it spread to the civilian world, too, the latest instance being this week's confession of Mike Bowers, Georgia's former attorney general that he carried on an affair for more than a decade. "If people think I was unfit, I will accept that judgment," said Bowers, who is seeking the Republican nomination for governor.

What Rusty Paul, the state's Republican chairman, said in response was illustrative: "If Mike's wife doesn't hold a grudge, I don't feel qualified to hold one."

What's changing faster than sexual behavior is the country's attitudes toward sexual misbehavior, says 71-year-old Ira Reiss, a Minnesota sociologist who has written 12 books on the subject.

"We're not moving toward a lower, cheaper or lesser ethic, but toward a difference ethic. It is every bit as defensible as the old one. The old, narrow Victorian attitude prevented us from thinking. Living by a more pluralistic ethic means we're taking more responsibility."

Reiss points to a recent spate of statistics dealing with the consequences of sexual behavior:

- Teen pregnancy rates are declining.
- Fifty percent of girls between 15 and 19 report having intercourse once, but that is down from 55 percent in 1990.
- AIDS deaths declined 13 percent in the first half of 1996.
- The FBI says that reported rapes have declined every year since 1991.

The increased use of condoms, doubled since 1982, accounts for some of the changes.

None of this impresses hard-liners, who dismiss Reiss' "new ethic" as compromising morality.

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HEALTH SCAN

Alleviating joint disease

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Cartilage that has eroded due to age and causes joint pain can be helped to grow again, according to researchers at the Haifa Technion. Dr. Erella Livneh and Dr. Yisrael Blumenfeld of the medical faculty report that injecting a substance that triggers cartilage growth may replace major surgery for the replacement of worn joints. Many old people suffer from joint disease, especially

osteoarthritis, affecting the jaws, knees, thighs and shoulders. In these disorders, the cartilage - which naturally serves as a cushion between the bones - wears away, causing the bones to rub against each other. Movement becomes limited, and severe pain may result. Livneh and Blumenfeld note that since cartilage has no blood vessels and nerves, it has almost no ability to repair itself, so replacement with artificial joints is usually the answer, although it's expensive and requires rehabilitation.

In a pioneering study on jaw cartilage, the Technion researchers found they could halt or slow the process of cartilage destruction by injecting growth factors - protein materials produced by cells. They injected IGF-I and TGF-beta into elderly mice, and found that they spur the division of cartilage cells and the production of inter-cellular material that comprises over 90 percent of cartilage. Two days later, growth of the cartilage cells was triggered. The jaw joint in mice serves as a

good model because osteoarthritis develops spontaneously in relatively young rodents, as it does in humans, Livneh explains. The researchers hope clinical trials will prove growth factors are effective in humans as well. "It isn't enough to extend life expectancy," she continues. "We must find ways to improve the quality of life. We believe that in the future, we'll be able to inject growth factors directly into problematic joints as an alternative to complicated joint-replacement surgery."

Hadassah sinks its teeth into dentistry

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Any fund-raiser can tell you that raising money, even for a worthy project, is like pulling teeth. Prof. D. Walter Cohen - a master dentist and a whiz at getting people to commit themselves - led a successful campaign to build a new \$5 million, four-story wing to the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine for Israeli students, which will also house a special center where dentists from the region will come to study advanced specialties.

The periodontic expert from Philadelphia didn't have to pull any teeth to make the institution come into fruition, but he invested so much effort in the project that the university decided to name the educational facility - the D. Walter Cohen Middle East Center for Dental Education - in his honor. A professional Bridge to Peace dental conference attended by 1,000 professionals from Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, North America, Europe and the Far East was held for the occasion.

The new wing on the Jerusalem Ein-Kerem campus - which Cohen saw only on its official opening last week - contains 48 separate offices; instead of working on top of each other, the students are regularly visited in their rooms by lecturers and patients. They are therefore made to feel that they are already independent practitioners while being under strict supervision. Cohen and dental school dean Prof. Adam Sabholz say the new wing is one of the most technologically advanced in the world and by far the best in the Middle East.

The 70-year-old Cohen is not only a dentist, but the son of a dentist. His 96-year-old father Abram was the first periodontist

in Philadelphia, opening his practice in 1923. Abram served as the international president of the Alpha Omega fraternity, which was established to provide a place on campuses for Jewish dental students barred in discriminatory times from joining other fraternities.

Today, the fraternity, which has some 15,000 members worldwide (including 6,700 in the US and 400 in Israel), has some non-Jewish members as well, but it continues to be dedicated to the tenets of professionalism, Judaism and a pro-Israel spirit.

The HU-Hadassah dental school was founded in 1953 with help from Alpha Omega and moved to the Ein Kerem campus in 1964. Since its founding, it has produced 1,300 graduates. (Fifty percent of the current student body are women.)

Prof. Cohen was drafted into the US Navy during World War II, before he had completed his pre-dental training at the University of Pennsylvania, and served as a dental technician/pharmacist mate on an aircraft carrier near Cuba. After the war, he completed his DDS degree at Penn in 1950, winning a research fellowship in periodontology and pathology at Boston's Beth Israel Hospital. He returned to Penn and joined his father's practice until Abram retired in 1970.

During his 35-year career at Penn, he established the department of periodontology, wrote 22 books and over 100 professional articles, conducted pioneering research and became a world-class name in the field.

He was also the first dentist to be president and now chancellor of a US medical school (the Medical College of Pennsylvania).

Asked about his first recollection of HU, Cohen goes back to 1952, when he attended a fund-raising dinner in Princeton, New Jersey, whose guest of honor was Prof. Albert Einstein.

The genius physicist (a year before his death) kindly acquiesced when a rich man offered to double his contribution if he would shake his wife's hand. "It was a scene I would never forget," Cohen is optimistic that in an era of peace, his namesake center will attract dentists from across the Middle East to study advanced dental techniques. Sabholz notes that during the Bridge to Peace conference, Palestinians expressed much interest in learning about preventive and pediatric dentistry, while Jordanians wanted to apply for courses in implantation and aesthetic dentistry.

The dental school dean concedes that there is a nationwide surplus of dentists, from even before the arrival of 2,000 from the CIS. Most of these had to undergo special training to update knowledge and techniques they had in their native country. But the oversupply is mostly in the larger cities. "Dentists willing to go to development towns and more distant settlements are finding work, and enjoying a high quality of life," says Sabholz. While the dental school doesn't aim at mass-producing dentists in a country where fewer than a third of the residents don't seek their services except to treat an emergency, it does want to constantly update the knowledge of practicing dentists.

Cohen notes that in 20 US states, dentists are required to take continuing-education courses on the latest techniques and materials. "In the other states, there are dentists who graduated

20 years ago but haven't gone to a single course."

Continuing education is not, unfortunately, mandatory in Israel - partly due to dentists' opposition - but the dental school hopes to persuade the ministry to launch such an initiative.

As in medicine, dentistry has become a highly specialized field, and many general practitioners refer patients to specialists not only because they don't feel confident doing a procedure, but because patients demand one. But then there are those who do implants after minimal training (any dentist is allowed by law to do any dental procedure). The new Ein Kerem wing contains a dental implant center, thanks to the contribution of Dr. Gerald Nisnik of the USA.

Until recently, it was thought that dental problems merely show their presence in physical problems in the rest of the body. But now it is known that numerous disorders - from diabetes to HIV infection - can be detected in the mouth by dentists trained to look for them.

Overtreatment, Cohen says, is a problem in all disciplines, and there undoubtedly are dentists who give unnecessary treatment just to make a buck. But these abuses are hard to catch, and to prove.

Lasers are the next big thing in dentistry, says Sabholz. While they have been used successfully for years on gums and other soft tissues in the mouth, they will undoubtedly be used to painlessly "drill" dental caries (cavities). The US Food and Drug Administration last month approved a first laser for working on teeth.

But some dentists suggest that these devices are still much too slow and expensive and more prone to error.

Silicon chips break barriers for the disabled

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The silicon chip has taken the place of the seeing-eye dog as the blind person's best friend. In fact, computers and electronics have begun to have a major impact on the daily lives not only of those with visual disability, but also those with any of a variety of handicaps and several disabilities at once.

Faculty and students at the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT) - an Orthodox institution of higher learning for men that combines Talmud studies with advanced sciences - are doing their part in adapting the power of the silicon chip to this sector.

"We use technology to help disabled people to function better, not only to make them more independent but to increase their self-confidence and allow them to contribute to society," says Emil Dere, founder and managing director of JCT's four-year-old, non-profit Center of Technology for the Handicapped. Dere, an electronics innovator who served during World War II in the US Navy submarine service, sold his successful electronics company to a Texas conglomerate, retired and moved to Israel in 1972. Volunteering his time, Dere served as chairman of the international board of directors of Keren Or, a Jerusalem school for multi-handicapped brain-damaged, mute and blind children.

Foreseeing the advantages of applying technology to improve the lives of the disabled, he set up the center at JCT. Having designed customized devices to help many of the 70 pupils at Keren Or (aged three to 21), the center is now ready to make its clinical resources available to institutions for the disabled anywhere in Israel and the world that need its services.

Among the impressive devices developed by JCT teachers and students are a computerized device that synthesizes Hebrew text into recognizable speech, an infra-red navigation system that helps the blind find their way, and a Hebrew-speaking, easily programmable clock that wakes blind children by speaking their own name.

An anonymous American benefactor has donated the interest on a \$5 million account for financing the Center of Technology for the Handicapped. "Since then, other donors have also joined the effort," says Dr. Yehuda Sonnenblick, the center's director of research. Working closely with the faculty, students devote their fourth year to developing a prototype device that will help a Keren Or pupil. "Our aim is technology transfer - adapting existing technologies to make devices for people who will directly benefit from them," he continues.

Asked about the flying eagle he chose as the symbol of the center, Sonnenblick - an American-born physicist who can be reached at Sonnenbl@brachot.jct.ac.il - explains that the bird "stands for our view of the disabled individual as being differently-abled. The eagle humbly reminds us that even our normative human sight and abilities are but limited, compared to its keen eyesight and senses.

"It also represents our goals in working with the disabled towards using each individual's unique abilities to achieve function and freedom as much as possible." The device that reads Hebrew text aloud is called the Wohl Synthesizer, named for its benefactors, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wohl.

There are a number of foreign devices that turn English text into the spoken language, but Hebrew is especially difficult to adapt for such technology, says Aryeh Teitelbaum, a senior computer engineer at the center and a JCT graduate who is refining the device. "Hebrew," he says, "has a number of sounds that don't exist in a European



An infra-red navigation system helps blind people find their way down corridors.

language. In addition, it includes vowels that must be read along with the letters or the result is full of errors."

Teitelbaum presses a key on his computer to demonstrate how Hebrew would sound without the input of vowels, and it is nearly incomprehensible.

When he introduces additional layers of the program that introduce vowelization, the proper syllables and tone, it nearly sounds human. Using a laptop,

help the blind navigate their way inside buildings. Building locations are coded into digital values, and the codes are transmitted from the ceiling (the transmitters can be above ceiling tiles so they are not unsightly).

The user wears a portable receiving unit, which senses the closest beam and echoes the signal into a building location. He then hears spoken announcements where he is and warned to watch out for stairs or other potential dangers.

Eventually, scanners could be used to enter the text of a newspaper into a computer and then read it to a visually impaired user.

Eliezer Ginsburger, who was born in France and who studied engineering at JCT, has developed software that tests residual vision in the visually disabled. Using music, geometric figures and bright hues, the program seems like a game to children. But Ginsburger has used it to discover that a Keren Or child believed to be blind to all colors can in fact see red and use it on a screen.

"The program picks up things that one can't get from other tests," he says. "It can also be used for teaching, as shapes and photos of personal objects - like the child's own cup emblazoned with his name - can be used for matching or picking out what doesn't belong in a group."

Another invention is a box that severely disabled mute people can use to speak their minds. Using a simple on-off switch, they can quickly select key words that lead to full sentences that are spoken out in Hebrew, such as: "I want a glass of water." The voice output communication aid (VOCA), says Sonnenblick, has a capacity for 27 sentences, "which is a lot for children with such disabilities."

Gluck's Hebrew-speaking clock, which uses a tune to train children in programming the date and time in the proper sequence, could also be useful to elderly people who have difficulty using a conventional clock.

Dere says the JCT center is committed to the effort to empower the disabled using technology. "We have expertise in developing such products; we hope that companies that want to enter the market will contact us."

the blind could use it to communicate over the phone.

"Imagine someone who's blind and wants to work on a computer. Even if he memorizes the keyboard, how will he know what the screen is showing until someone reads it out?" he explains.

Now that "someone" can be the computer itself. Eventually, scanners could be used to enter the text of a Hebrew newspaper or book into a computer and then read it out to the visually impaired user. The device will also be useful for children who can see but have learning disabilities. The text they see on the screen could be spoken to them, providing audio and visual inputs.

Even well-educated blind people have trouble getting jobs because potential employers fear workers would hurt themselves on the premises.

Sender Gluck, a JCT student who immigrated from South Africa, demonstrates the prototype of a device that uses infrared ceiling transmitters to

Rx FOR READERS

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Is there anything wrong with storing food in an opened tin (covered with plastic film) in the refrigerator for a day or so? I do this from time to time, but my husband claims it's dangerous to health. Z.A., Lod. Dr. Brian Cousin, a food technologist who heads the Food Service Division of the Health Ministry, comments: Ideally, food should be stored in a suitable plastic container or a container that is as air-tight as possible. If you leave food in a tin or aluminum can for

a day or so, nothing will happen. But leaving food - especially if it's acidic - in an open can in the refrigerator could be harmful, as it starts to oxidize.

The sign of this is that it begins turning black. The metal oxide will eat away at the inside layer of the can, and the food can be contaminated with the metal. Covering the can with plastic film doesn't help, as there is plenty of oxygen in the can. Metal poisoning is accumulative, not a one-time thing, but it can harm young children and older people, and

especially large amounts can cause an allergic reaction. Therefore, don't be lazy. It's best to take food out of a can immediately after opening it, and to keep any remainders in suitable storage containers.

I recently noticed that my 13-year-old son has flat feet, especially the right and less so the left. It was not so when he was younger. Is there any way to bring the arch back up, using inserts in his shoes or exercise? Will someone with untreated flatfoot suffer from back pain as an adult? Why

does having flat feet reduce one's medical profile in the military? C.D., Tel Aviv. Dr. Shlomo Porat, a pediatric orthopedist at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, replies: Many people have flat feet without suffering from back pain or other discomfort. But having this condition can reduce one's medical profile in the Israel Defense Forces because it can reduce the person's ability to stand for long periods and to carry heavy burdens. If only one foot is flat and the other

has a normal arch, the problem could be due to tarsal coalition, in which bones in the foot have fused together. If this is a correct diagnosis - and your son would have to be examined by an orthopedist, who will send him for x-rays - an operation could be needed to separate the bones. If the situation in both feet is similar, it could be flexible or spastic flatfoot, but this condition, too, would have to be diagnosed by a specialist. In most cases, wearing good strong shoes and possibly a proper insert in one's shoes are the solution. Neither these nor exercise will cause the arch

to re-form in the foot, but flatfoot is a condition that one can live with without difficulty. Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page. Write Rx For Readers, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000, fax it to 02-5389527 or e-mail it to justie@post.co.il, giving your initials, age and place of residence. Phoned-in queries will not be accepted.

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Remodeling the dinosaurs

European conservatives may be forgiven for feeling somewhat shell-shocked. Wasn't Socialism supposed to be dead — discredited, free-marketed into history? The annual meeting of European Socialists should be a dusty gathering of old Red warriors, heavy on nostalgia and unrealistic daydreams, like a gathering of Czarist exiles.

Yet there they were this weekend, enthusiastically cheering on the newly elected Socialist leaders of two of the continent's most powerful nations — Britain and France. Yet it was clear that, in the '90s, there is socialism and there is socialism. One is Lionel Jospin's and one is Tony Blair's. While Jospin admitted he had been inspired to victory by Blair's astounding conquest of Britain, Blair's message to the gathered Socialists could have been read as a sharp warning to his French prime ministerial colleague — "modernize or die."

The return of the Socialists to the European political scene so soon after they were believed to have been marginalized by the collapse of east European Communism should not really have surprised their smug conservative rivals — it certainly surprised no '90s Socialists. The trend already had appeared even more startlingly in the east where state after state has been voting back to power the reformed and renamed Communists of yore. The fact is that in both East and West, a vast number of people remain highly suspicious of the glittering new religion of market-driven growth, and to hell with the hindmost. The multinationals' high-rise churches of glass and steel mean little to the struggling workers in some of glorious Paris's bleak urban slums. The yuppies' glib babble about a global village economy means little to the laid off steel-worker in Coventry, who can't afford the bus fare to the next town.

Journalists have been writing about the surprising muscle the Left still commands — especially after the Blair-Jospin double-armlock now clamped on the European Union. The analyses have been both right and wrong at the same time. Those who are gravely concerned about their jobs, future, or pensions will turn to the Left in search of reciprocated concern. But it is true the Left is so fragmented, it is pertinent to ask "which Left?"

The EU simply will have to take account of the insecurity of millions of its voters across the 15 states of the union. There is not a multimedia computer for riding the information highway in every home. Not every newspaper buyer rushes to the back page to check his or her portfolio. Not everyone is fascinated to read about company CEOs' being paid millions of dollars as unemployment rises and, with union power cracking, the workers' personal contracts look ever more shaky and hollow.

The yuppie culture may have forgotten the lessons of the 1980s, when the rampant and ostentatious greed of the junk-bond driven Western economies gave making money a bad name. The much lauded raw Thatcherism of

Britain left a blighted economic landscape, asset-stripped of human concern for the weak and the have-nots. The Socialists of Britain and France are now reaping the rewards of the voters' refusal to allow progress to be stripped of humanity. It is a trust they dare not squander and in this, Jospin has more to learn than Blair — indeed Jospin should learn rapidly from Blair.

Blair's Socialism is a "whatever works" brand not tried before — an essential modern mix of educated, intelligent pragmatism stripped of ideology, but driven by concern for all the people of the country, not just the money-making minority. It is Clintonism, the near opposite of Thatcherism. It has worked brilliantly so far in the United States — with a jobless figure of some 4.5 percent almost every citizen can feel they are in the game with a chance.

Jospin, on the other hand has a worrying habit of trotting out the old Socialist clichés of a bygone era — solidarity, nationalization, enlarged civil service. This has all the dusty aura of gray offices filled with distinctly uncivil bureaucrats pushing around papers-full of procedures unattached to any known objectives — other than staying behind one's desk until state pension time. "The old left thought the argument was just more spending or regulation," said Blair. Jospin should have been feeling distinctly uncomfortable. The matter of public spending is likely to be the most troublesome item on his new government's agenda, since his proposed spending spree on major public projects could heave the national debt over the line allowed for member states to enter the EU single-currency.

"I am very much attached to this idea of public services," said Jospin. "Market forces cannot solve all our social problems." Jospin believes public spending on roads, communications, and infrastructure is the way to lay down a solid foundation for the future. He is in danger of forgetting that more Socialism did not solve social problems in the past and are even less likely to do so now or in the future. Blair also sees higher orders of social priority than monetary union and is keeping open his options on joining — but since he is not an ideologue, he is less likely to run into major economic and political trouble than Jospin (who must also cohabit with a powerful executive president). The Left generally supports the monetary system — a unified currency will make Europe a real player as an entity in that great global market so beloved by the rightist free-for-all marketeers.

In the era of Clinton and Blair, we have seen the arrival of the "conservative liberal" and the "conservative socialist." Economically, their policies seem to work; socially the people seem relieved to be free of suspiciously rampant capitalists; politically they are basking in the sun. Jospin would be wise to join the Clinton-Blair club as quickly as possible. His own old "solidarity club" should be closed for renovations before it collapses completely, dragging down the name of the "new socialists" with it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JEWISH PROTEST

Sir, — A.M. Rosenthal (Opinion, May 13) appropriately protests the failure of the international community to speak out against the PLO's recent reaffirmation of its intention to impose capital punishment on any Palestinian Arab who sells land to a Jew. Such behavior by the PLO is offensive to every decent person, and contradicts the spirit and letter of the Oslo accords it signed with Israel.

Rosenthal is mistaken, however, when he says that the PLO's policy has prompted "no angry faxes flooding in from Jewish groups, except the Anti-Defamation League." In fact, we at the Zionist Organization of America have repeatedly and publicly protested the PLO's death-to-land-sellers policy since it was first announced by PLO Justice Minister Freith

Abu Medein in June 1995 (and published in *The Jerusalem Post* on June 16 of that year). For example, in July 1995, we published a detailed analysis of the PLO's failure to cease its anti-Israel actions and crack down on terrorist groups; citing (on page 4) the land-sales death threat as an example of the PLO's continuing failure to sincerely seek peaceful relations with Israel.

If the international community had taken the issue seriously when we protested two years ago, perhaps the PLO would have been compelled to reverse its policy by now.

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REPORT CARD

Sir, — I refer to Larry Derfner's column of May 29, "Report card." An ancient Dutch proverb declares, "The innkeeper trusts his guests according to his own character." As far as Larry Derfner's trusting attitude towards Israel's real enemies is concerned, he is a classic proof of this Dutch piece of wisdom.

During the US election campaign of 1972, one American citizen wrote: "If I have to choose between a crook like Nixon and a fool like McGovern, I prefer to choose a crook. Ours is a harsh, tough world which a crook can handle much better than a fool."

In the end, even though Nixon was reelected, he was hounded from office by a cabal of self-righteous fools and what the Germans call *Prinzipalreiterer*, and succeeded by Gerald Ford and

Jimmy Carter. These events, in all probability, prolonged the Cold War and, in general, weakened the free world.

Larry Derfner writes: "A year of Netanyahu. A year of cynicism, terminal suspicion, arrogance and worship of power." How I wish that Mr. Derfner were right! An Israeli prime minister as described by him would be ideally equipped to deal with Israel's enemies. In any case, I would not like to contemplate where we would be today if Shimon Peres had won the election of May 1996.

To paraphrase Oscar Wilde, the only thing worse than having Binyamin Netanyahu as our prime minister would be not having him as our prime minister.

ARON VAN GELDER

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THE DRIVING TEST SCANDAL

Sir, — If it were not so tragic, the recent arrest of driving instructors and testers would be funny. For the last 40 years or more, it has been starkly apparent to all genuine drivers in Israel that non-drivers are being given licenses — without exaggeration — to kill.

With 56 years' driving experience in many countries, I have not encountered the phenomenon prevailing here, of hundreds of thousands of non-drivers behind the wheel. Carnage is, of course, inevitable given that so many are unaware of the highway code and traffic laws, lack road sense and, reacting with hostility to their own ignorance and insecurity, wield like a deadly weapon a vehicle barely under control — formula for an ongoing disaster which is our daily lot.

But the real tragedy is that none of it is or ever was necessary. Bad and dangerous driving has plagued many countries periodically. The remedies are well known and proven. If our police had done their job over the years, thousands of innocents and potential offspring would have been spared, as would families their agony of bereavement and the state not deprived of the contributions of many talents lost.

The alleged bribery cases pending should, I believe, carry serious charges and heavy penalties for the guilty. Where a death was caused, murder for the drivers, accessory for the bribed; where there are maimed or badly injured, assault with a deadly weapon for those that drove and equally appropriate for the bribed.

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Levels of evil

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With the recent report that lack of funds may lead to the shelving of the Railway 2000 project, we must be prepared for more carnage on more roads.

However, with tens of millions of shekels going into Route 6, the Trans-Israel Highway, the public cannot be expected to swallow the "lack of funds" excuse forever. Over the years, the average citizen may have come to feel helpless and hopeless against the rising road death toll, but environmental and volunteer road safety groups are well aware of the incongruity of the road-versus-rail situation.

The estimated cost of the Railway 2000 project is a paltry NIS 600 million. This does not even approach the exalted realms of the NIS 3.5 billion cost of the Trans-Israel Highway — an unpopular, unnecessary gash to be carved north to south through our countryside.

And NIS 600m. does not come near the annual cost of road accidents to this country, also estimated at NIS 3.5b. Route 6 has already annexed NIS 300m. worth of land rights originally granted for the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem railway.

It also seems ludicrous that the government is proposing rail links between Akaba-Eilat-Sdom and the Dead Sea-Ashdod, when what is desperately needed are rail links between our heavily populated cities.

The recently opened Route 6 interchange at Ben-Shemen cost NIS 70m. and the interchange at Kassem NIS 60m., yet the Treasury finds it has to reduce the budget of the Ports and Railways Authority from a miserable NIS 100m. to NIS 75m.

There is something called "risk factor." The government has commissioned a study on the projected income of Route 6 based on traffic flow and toll levels. The main issue for the four foreign consortiums which have recently submitted bids is the projected level of tolls.

The government has guaranteed to underwrite 85 percent of the difference between projected and actual income. This creates an incentive to the government to force people out of buses and trains and onto these roads, and it will serve as the death knell of

public transit, and the reason why all budgets for bus and train improvements have been wiped out.

There have been no studies anywhere in world showing any toll road of comparable size that has managed to recoup its costs; they have always run at a loss.

Local studies show that most of the traffic in Israel flows east/west/east, and that another (underused) north/south highway — running virtually down the Green Line — is superfluous. Clearly the consortiums do not have much faith in the project if

roughshod over common sense and public sensibilities.

Whereas the land for improving the rail system already exists, and the comparatively little cost involved could go a long way in alleviating our traffic problems, more and more road-building is poisoning our environment.

John Whitley of Liverpool University in England has acted as consultant to the European Community on sustainable development in transport. On a recent visit here, he remarked that this country has the potential to emulate Japan in its efficient mass transport system, because of its similar small area and densely populated cities.

Sadly, enough money has been squandered over the last five years on ineffective road safety advertising campaigns to have financed the best railway system in the world.

We are set to sacrifice at least 800 of our precious citizens on the altar of the automobile this year, and one has to ask: Who stands to gain from killing the Railway 2000 project? The banks, which have a monopoly on the cement market? The trucking companies, which would lose their freight carriage? Car importers? Insurance companies?

"Lack of funds" to cancel Railway 2000 just won't wash any more. Private funds could easily be found to finance the modernization of our rail system, bringing us into the 21st century. In fact, the entire amount could be raised on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in one morning.

The only stumbling block has been the actual allocation of money. The means are there, but the will is somewhere else. There is a huge imbalance between people and profit in this country, and the people must stand up and protest.

Up till now, three levels of evil have influenced the outcome of who shall live and who shall die on our roads: the ineptitude, incompetence, and non-cooperation of government departments; vested interests; and lack of public outrage.

Now is the time for public outrage.

The writer is vice-chair of *Metuna Jerusalem Road Safety Organization*.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Jeanna Dodd, of Centreville, Virginia, shows a cache of jewelry she found in a soup can she received from a charity kitchen called Food For Others. The jewelry, appraised at \$7,000, was found in a can disguised as a soup tin that was donated to the kitchen. Dodd said she would return the jewelry if someone came forward; if not, she plans to sell it for rent and food money. (Reuter)

POSTSCRIPTS

A SOUTH African chief is feeling more than a little embarrassed after a prized skull he brought home from Scotland was identified as belonging not to his sacred tribal ancestor, but to a middle-aged white woman.

A forensic scientist who examined the supposed skull of 19th century king Hintsa, a chief of President Nelson Mandela's Xhosa tribe killed in battle by the British, said it was in fact the cranium of a European woman.

Chief Nicholas Gcaleka, dressed in animal skins and full tribal regalia, journeyed Scotland in February on a hugely publicized quest to find Hintsa's skull.

The witchdoctor said the spirit of a hurricane had guided him to a cottage in a lonely Highland forest near Inverness to find the skull, said to have been a colonial trophy of the officer who shot and allegedly beheaded Hintsa in 1835.

Members of the Xhosa royal family, branding Gcaleka a charlatan, confiscated the head and sent it for tests.

MORE THAN 45 percent of the world's kidnappings take place in Colombia, with someone abducted almost every 2-1/2 hours.

That makes Colombia the kidnap capital of the world with 3,600 abductions in 1995. That is more than three times higher than the number of kidnappings in Mexico and almost five times higher than in Brazil.

Many abductions go unreported because relatives fear police will launch rescue operations that might endanger the lives of the victims.

Arab centaur

URI AVNERY

Greek mythology invented the centaur — half-man, half-horse. It's like what's happening now with the Palestinians.

National liberation movements, which have fought for and achieved independence in our time, have always gone through two distinct stages: An underground struggle up to the moment of liberation, then an independent state.

The Palestinians find themselves in an unusual situation. Their struggle for independence is still far from its goal — a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with its capital in East Jerusalem. Yet in a few designated territories they have already established self-rule.

Thus a modern-day centaur has come to life, part freedom-fighting movement, part nascent state. Trouble is, the two body parts don't fit together so well. A freedom-fighting movement and an independent state are fundamentally different things, with different needs and objectives.

Take the issue of "transparency." In a democracy, management of public funds is subject to intense public scrutiny. By contrast, a freedom movement uses secret funds to finance covert operations like an underground, weapons acquisition, political operations abroad, and payoffs to international supporters.

It is fair to assume some truth to the rumors of financial corruption in the Palestinian Authority. In this type of interim status, some corruption is practically unavoidable.

But the Israeli media's total infatuation with the subject of Palestinian corruption is puzzling, considering how thoroughly they ignored recent revelations of corruption involving favorites of David Levy and Binyamin Netanyahu.

Another issue: Press freedom. Until May 1948, all forms of Jewish press in the land served as propaganda tools mobilized by the national leadership. Even with Israel's establishment this continued for years.

Not surprisingly, the PLO leadership is interested in keeping the Palestinian press as a tool for its

It's part freedom-fighting movement, part nascent state

national struggle. But in the liberated Palestinian territories many people want an independent press.

It is fair to assume that, as happened in Israel, the real battle for a free press will be joined only after the Palestinians get their state.

ANOTHER issue: Human rights. In an independent state, human rights are an absolute requirement, no room for compromise. However, no liberation movement anywhere has ever adhered to preserving human rights during the struggle phase. Even in Israel, Ben-Gurion turned in Irgun fighters to the British. And all three of our underground organizations executed suspected collaborators.

As before, the Palestinians' struggle for human rights will reach its peak with the establishment of their independent state.

Democracy: There has never been a truly democratic liberation movement. A liberation movement demands a strong leadership, capable of difficult and unpopular decisions. Over 35 years, Yasser Arafat has led the Palestinian liberation movement with a strong hand, and his colleagues willingly left all difficult, unpopular and dangerous decisions to him, from the armed struggle to accepting the Oslo accords.

As we saw in Ben-Gurion's day, this style of rule leads to serious problems in an independent state.

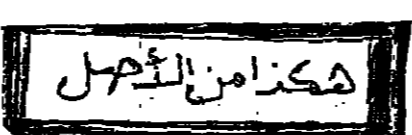
There have been some very encouraging first steps toward Palestinian democracy. Debate in the Palestinian Legislative Council demonstrates that, and it's no wonder it annoys Arafat.

It's a very difficult situation: The Palestinian freedom struggle is continuing, and it demands a strong leadership. But for the time being, with the nationhood objective yet to be achieved, even Arafat's most severe critics admit there is no substitute for his leadership.

When the Palestinian state emerges is when the real debate begins. There are two models: A state like Jordan or Egypt, where democracy is limited, or a true democracy like Israel.

I hope — I dare predict — that the state of Palestine will turn out to be a true democracy.

The writer heads the *Peace Bloc*.



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Clairvoyants take a peek at secretive Swiss banks

Ever wondered how to catch a glimpse of the secret, numbered Swiss bank accounts of fallen dictators like Zaire's Mobutu Sese Seko or the Philippines' Ferdinand Marcos? Forget conventional means, for the vaults of secretive Swiss banks are out of reach of prying eyes.

But another Swiss growth industry provided some other-worldly answers—at an international exhibition of mediums and clairvoyants last month in Geneva, home to the nation's richest private banks and more than 500 soothsayers.

Clairvoyants said they could lay open the bank vaults and take a peek, albeit with the help of cards, pendulums, tarots and sometimes even just by gazing deeply into the client's eyes.

At times, it seemed only those endowed with supernatural powers could hope to unravel the labyrinths of the Swiss banks.

"I see money in the direction of Lausanne. I see a bank facing Lake Geneva. Inside, I see red carpets and worried bankers," intoned Arlene, asked about the

whereabouts of Mobutu's millions.

"I see bank vaults. There are big sums of cash. But I also see jewelry, gold and title deeds," said the French medium.

Fixing her piercing blue eyes into the horizon, she added: "I see a plane on a tarmac. I see people coming here to take the money out. There is a woman involved. A Zairean woman."

Switzerland has blocked Mobutu's assets in response to a demand from a prosecutor in the Democratic Republic of Congo, as Zaire is now called.

Swiss media estimate Mobutu may have squirreled away in Swiss banks up to \$4 billion looted from his mineral-rich African country, but banking authorities will not confirm this.

Letting her pendulum circle over the Zodiac signs on her desk, Arlene offered the assurance: "The money is here. If people ask me, I can locate it with the help of cosmic energy."

—Arlene, a French medium

through the mystical powers of the tarot cards of Madame Marina on the relationship between Mobutu and Swiss banks.

The first two tarot cards pulled by this correspondent for Mobutu's lot in life were Money and War.

But the third, slapped down triumphantly by Madame Marina, put Mobutu well and truly beyond the pale: the image of the Devil.

Madame Marina, a wry and sprightly 80-year-old Polish

refugee, had more shocks in store. The tarot cards for the Swiss banks likewise had disturbing revelations.

After two cards denoting Power and Wealth, she turned over the image of the Victim, the Man Hanging from a Tree.

Could it be that Swiss banks will get their fingers burnt in another legal wrangle as Mobutu struggles to keep his hands on his assets, like the court battles raging over Marcos's millions?

French medium Julien gazed deeply into the wallpaper as if for inspiration, past the Swiss couples looking anxiously across the foppish table tops at each other, sipping soft drinks and waiting their turn.

"Money will not bring happiness to Swiss banks," he said.

The issue of Mobutu's fortunes comes at a time when Switzerland is trying to repair an image tarnished by its dealings with Nazi Germany and Jewish claims that its banks are sitting on the dormant assets of Jews killed by Hitler.

Madame Marina, whose first

husband, a Polish Jew, died in the Holocaust, said her husband's Jewish family had deposited money in Swiss banks during the war.

She said her pendulum has always showed her husband's family had money in Swiss banks but admitted even her mystical powers were not strong enough against the material power of money.

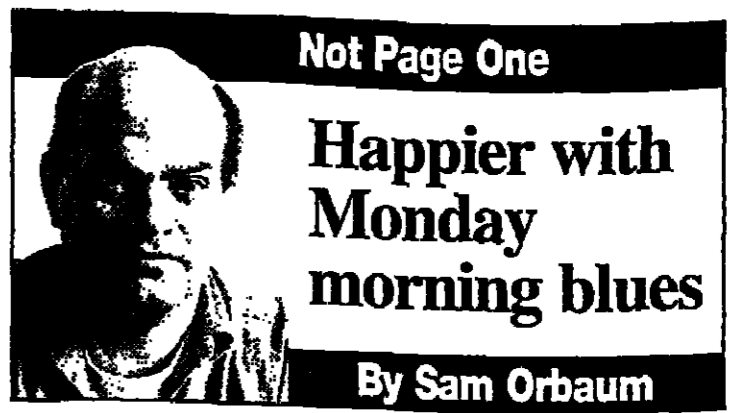
"Numbers have big powers. Just think how many trillions you can make just by using the numbers zero to nine. This creates a special power for people who deal with money," she said.

For some clairvoyants at the exhibition, the burden of Swiss banking secrecy laws lay too heavily upon them.

"Mobutu has a lot of money here. It involves powerful people who know a lot," said French medium Paul des Tempeliers.

"But don't expect to get a scoop out of me because these are state secrets in Switzerland. I cannot reveal what I've seen because it would amount to espionage."

(Reuters)



Not Page One
Happier with Monday morning blues
By Sam Orbaum

You know what this country needs? No, not a good two-cent cigar—a good two-day weekend. Saturday and Sunday: a day of rest, and a day of recreation.

We're not the hard-working, poor-earning sloggers we once were, when we needed six days of productivity to get through a week. Nose-to-the-grindstone socialism is passé. The economy is healthy. Our lifestyle is solidly Western. We've earned the right to savor the good life.

The solution is marvelously simple: add half an hour or an hour to Monday-to-Thursday workdays, reinstitute Friday morning as a short workday, say,

Saturday weekends, is a dud: a hectic half day of running around shopping and preparing (and, if you're going out of town, traveling), followed by a day and a half of rest, if you're religious, or recreation, if you're not.

What this country needs, then, is a day of rest for the secular, and a day of recreation for the religious.

The secular would be more amenable to Shabbat restrictions if they had Sundays as a trade-off, and the religious would have one unstructured day.

Wouldn't we be a happier, more relaxed nation! One day a week, religious and secular min-

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HEADS 'N' TAILS

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

The three-month-old kitten and the five-year-old dog are quietly sleeping on the same pillow.

They don't always share a pillow. Being feline, the kitten prefers loftier perches and has a distinct liking for a pillow on top of the wardrobe. But today, after exhausting themselves with an hour or so of vigorous romps through the garden and the house they collapsed side by side. It wasn't always like this. For the first two or three weeks they kept pretty well apart. Only after they learned one another's language could they form a relationship.

Dogs and cats are thought by many people to be "natural enemies." But this is not in fact the case—they simply do not know, in most cases, how to communicate. Since animals depend, for the most part, on body language to convey information, it is not surprising that two such separate

Not such strange bedfellows

species would have trouble. After all, we are supposed to be the thinking animal yet we still make the mistake of thinking that a certain expression on a dog's face is a smile when actually it is a grimace showing submission and even fear.

We give a big smile to a monkey and then wonder why it becomes aggressive, not realizing that showing ones teeth is, to primates other than ourselves, an act of aggression, even a threat. Small wonder, then, that when the dog first came up, tail awag, really dangerous, the attempts to form a relationship started.

But when a kitten puffs up its fur, arches its back and approaches the dog sideways while bounding a good 20 centimeters into the air, the dog doesn't know that it is actually an invitation to play as the kitten would offer another cat.

But another cat would understand at once, what on earth is a dog to think of such behavior?

Admittedly, it is easier to introduce a new animal into the household when one of them is very young, an older dog with a new kitten, an older cat with a puppy.

But that does not mean that two adult animals cannot also learn one another's body language and get along perfectly well.

Usually this takes more time but in the end it almost always works if the human companion stays out of it for the most part and lets the animals proceed at their own pace.

Animals are quick to catch on to new circumstances.

A week before these two began relating to one another, at a time when the dog wasn't even sure she wanted to relate to this spitting ball of paws and claws, the neighbor's dog tried to approach our kitten in the garden and was promptly chased away by the resident landlady-dog.

It might be a nuisance but it's our nuisance and no other dogs need interfere.

In almost every case, except in the case of dogs that have been allowed, even encouraged, to chase cats, things will work out if you give them time.

After all, they have to learn a totally new language and one doesn't learn the nuances of a new language overnight.



DEAR RUTHIE

By RUTHIE BLUM

Dear Ruthie, We are an old couple who bought and moved into our present apartment 12 years ago. We loved it then, and we still do. But our upstairs neighbors—who were already living there when we moved in—make our existence miserable. They are a family of six—the parents in their 50s, the children in their 20s. None of the latter seem marriage-minded.

Some time after we moved in, they caused us suffering that lasted two years, when they added a story to their house, on the floor above us, and in the process removed the roof at the start of the rainy season. (And did it pour that winter!) In addition to the constant overwhelming noise, our ceilings and walls were blackened with mildew until

Cursed with noisy neighbors

we were able to whitewash them (at our expense) in the early summer. Our apartment stank unbearably all winter. They then went to live elsewhere for the duration. We couldn't afford to follow suit.

Furthermore, it seems that these neighbors never sleep. Day and night they walk through their house in heavy shoes. They bang doors, endlessly move their furniture around and use noisy electrical appliances at all hours. They are also fond of loud pop music. (To our minds, classical is the only kind worthy of the appellation "music.") Our ceiling must be paper-thin. Almost everything they do, we hear as if it took place in our own flat. Many are the times when, after dozing off at long last, they wake us up again.

We have asked them tactfully on several occasions to be quiet during siesta hours and after 11 p.m. It has made no difference. Recently I sent them a polite let-

ter. Now it seems they do not even talk to us any more.

Can you give us any advice on how to handle the situation short of having to sell our house and move? At our age, we totally lack the energy to go through that once again.

Nettled by Noisy Neighbors Somewhere in Israel Dear Neighbor-Nettled,

There are two ways to get others to change their behavior: either through external means (i.e. complaining to the authorities) or by possessing internal resolve.

The former is the more costly and nerve-racking of the two. It can also end up being ineffective, particularly when dealing with neighbors, with whom continued contact is inevitable. The latter requires the kind of resolve which is impossible to fake—a resolve born not only out of a genuine conviction of the validity of one's position, but also out of a firm disregard for the wrath

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Moment of truth in Moscow

Israel face Russia in crucial World Cup qualifier tonight

By DEREK FATTAL, OFI LEWIS and Agencies

Israel's intelligence services have had to carefully measure the changes within Russia and her former Eastern European satellites during the last few years, in order to best advance Israel's interests.

Israel coach Shlomo Scharf faces precisely the same task prior to selecting his forces and tactics for this evening's vital World Cup qualifier. (Kickoff 18:00 with live coverage on Channel 1, Israel Radio 2 and Army Radio.)

Basically Israel will have to come home with a win either in Moscow today or Bulgaria in its final group match in August.

A draw against Russia still means that the Israelis can qualify by winning away in Bulgaria, but defeat is likely to prevent Israel qualifying for the '98 Finals in France.

With the Russians themselves missing vital players Scharf has to decide whether a weakened Russia offers a more enticing prospect of gaining a victory than Bulgaria's full squad.

Never one to show his full hand, the Israel coach nevertheless seems to be erring on the side of caution, and seems likely to select a defensive-oriented line up with the intention of soaking up the Russian advances.

Both sides go into this evening's match with significantly weakened

squads. Much will hinge on the capabilities of the depleted Israel defense to keep the hungry Russian attack at bay.

Devoid of the services of center-half Gadi Brumer—who is still hampered by the after-effects of his long-standing injury and with captain Tal Benin sidelined due to his collection of yellow cards, a significant question mark hangs over Israel's ability to avoid the sort of defensive collapse that has traditionally affected the squad in past do-or-die situations.

Alan Hazan together with Ran Ben-Shimon or Alon Harazi look likely to be drafted into the side to add extra support to the defense.

Scharf has stressed a preference for midfield men who can tackle and chase back, so Ronnie Rosenblum who has excelled in the role before should find himself included in the starting eleven.

The other hurdle the squad needs to overcome tomorrow is the need to score goals, particularly if the Russians manage to take the lead.

Scharf needs to have a man on the field who can punish the Russians on the counterattack. Eli Ohana looks set to lead the attack as the lone frontman, but for all the cunning and elegance demonstrated in the National League, Ohana appears too much like a nifty flyweight matched against the big men playing in the Russian back line.

It is in this department that the absence of Ronen Harazi could prove critical, for he alone has a habit of hitting goals at international level against strong physical sides.

Apart from Harazi only Betar Jerusalem's Itzik Zohar and Maccabi Tel Aviv's Avi Nimni have the calibre to make something out of nothing. Both have a tendency to either play a blinder or fade from the stage, the result being that Scharf rarely plumps for selecting the two players together.

Eyal Berkovic looks to be first choice for the playmaker's role, which means that Haim Revivo will probably find himself on the substitutes bench along with back-up striker Alon Mizrahi. The latter has impressed in recent international outings and if he can find the back of the net instead of sidestepping when a scoring chance appears he could end the evening as a national hero.

The Russians, lambasted at home after dropping two points in Cyprus two months ago, go into what would be their most important game of the season without several key players due to injury and a continued nagging problem with morale.

As well as Spartak Moscow's Ilya Tsymbalar, the serie A trio of Andrei Kanchelskis, Igor Kolyvanov and Omani Tetradze are all injured and unavailable, while two of Russia's Spanish legionnaires, Valery Karpin and Alexander Mostovoi, were

dropped after internal squabbles.

Boris Ignatyev, Russia's third coach in as many years who was brought in after rancorous failures in Euro 96 and the 1994 World Cup, has continued the tradition of criticizing foreign-based players for lacking commitment.

Karpin, a moody Valencia midfielder, said he would never play for Russia again after Ignatyev dropped him from the team that beat Luxembourg 3-0 in Moscow in April.

Team captain Viktor Onopko of Oviedo spoke out this week against what he said was a campaign by Russian officials against the exiles.

With so many absentees, Ignatyev will rely on home-grown talent, such as Alania Vladikavkaz's attacking midfielder Igor Yanovsky, called up at the last minute after scoring twice in his club's 3-2 win over league leaders Rotor Volgograd.

Teams (probable): Russia - Stanislav Cherevov; Ramiz Mamedov, Viktor Onopko, Yuri Nikiforov, Yuri Kovtun; Vladimir Radimov, Andrei Tikhonov, Dmitry Alievich, Sergei Gidshin, Igor Sluzenkov, Vladimir Beshtakovskiy.

Israel - Rafi Cohen; Felix Halilov, Avik Benadon, Amir Shebat, Alon Harazi, David Amosov; Ran Ben-Shimon or Avi Nimni, Haim Revivo, Eyal Berkovic or Itzik Zohar; Ronnie Rosenblum; Eli Ohana.

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SILENCING HIS CRITICS - Australian captain Mark Taylor scores a boundary at Edgbaston yesterday on his way to a first Test century in 18 months. (Reuters)

Taylor ends his crisis with Ashes century

BIRMINGHAM (Reuters) - Australia's captain Mark Taylor ended his 18 months form crisis with a courageous century to lead an Ashes fightback against England yesterday.

Taylor, battling to an unbeaten 108 as Australia, 360 behind on first innings, made 256 for one in their second innings by the close on the third day of the first Test at Edgbaston.

Earlier, England added 29 for the loss of three wickets before declaring at 478 for nine.

Taylor, whose place was in jeopardy after 21 Test innings without reaching 50, shared century stands with fellow opener Matthew Elliott (66) and Greg Blewett (61 not out).

The Australian skipper put on 133 with Elliott and then shared an unfinished second wicket partnership of 123 with Blewett.

Taylor, batting confidently until becoming tied down in the 80s, eventually passed 100 for the first time in a Test since November 1995 and the first outside Australia since 1993. It took him almost five hours, with 10 fours and a six from 214 balls.

He received a warm ovation from another capacity crowd, who had found themselves watching the sort of cricket that pessimistic English followers had been expecting throughout the Ashes series.

In far less helpful conditions than the Australia first innings

Under-21s steal draw against Russians

By DEREK FATTAL

Against the backdrop of the Moscow's Lokomotiv Stadium, Israel's Under-21 side held their Russian counterparts to a 1-1 draw yesterday evening.

The Israelis continue to head their qualifying group, and the point gained from this game against their second-placed hosts leaves Yitzhak Shum's men with a four-point lead over the Russians, who nevertheless have a game in hand.

Cheered on by a sizable crowd of over 8,000 the Russians came at the Israeli hard and fast from the kick off. Nir Davidovich kept a cool head in goal and Israel's defense, so inept in their previous encounter against Cyprus, managed to stifle the Russian thrusts.

Russia's breakthrough finally came in the 70th minute with a searing shot from Titov that flew in past Davidovich.

Undeterred, the Israelis broke through the Russian lines straight from the restart, and earned a penalty when captain Nir Sivilia was upended in the penalty area.

Within a minute of Titov's strike, Eli Abarbanel strode up to the penalty spot and tucked in Israel's equalizer.

Some tough defending remained to be done, but the Israelis held on to the final whistle, and inched a little closer to a place in next

Late Shearer goal gives England win over France

MONTEPELLIER (Reuters) - England beat France 1-0 in a fiercely-contested Tournoi de France match last night when Alan Shearer popped on a rare mistake by French goalkeeper Fabien Barthez in the 85th minute.

It was Shearer's 11th goal in his last 11 internationals and sealed England's sixth successive win and their first in France for 48 years.

The goal came when Teddy Sheringham, who had only replaced Ian Wright five minutes earlier, sent a low ball into the French six-yard box.

The win left England top of the four-team tournament with six points following their 2-0 win over Italy on Wednesday and sent France to only their second defeat in 36 matches under coach Aime Jacquet.

Prolific Hayden powers Hants to victory

LONDON (Reuters) - Australian opener Matthew Hayden hammered his third century in four county championship innings to power Hampshire to victory over Derbyshire yesterday.

The left-hander from Queensland scored an unbeaten 136 as Hampshire, set 310 to win from 65 overs, swept home by seven wickets with 3.1 overs to spare on the fourth and last day at Chesterfield.

The decision by Derbyshire's Australian captain Dean Jones to declare at lunch on 208 for four with a lead of 309 looked a gamble on a flat pitch and with Devon Malcolm on Ashes Test duty and fellow pacerman Dominic Cork injured.

His bowlers proved incapable of breaking through or containing as Hayden and Jason Lacey (93) put on 213, Hampshire's highest ever opening stand against Derbyshire.

Hayden reached three figures from 113 balls with his 15th four and although Lacey was bowled off his pads in the same over, former England batsman Robin Smith

Kafelnikov and Vacek leave 'Woodies' empty-handed in Paris

PARIS (Reuters) - Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Daniel Vacek claimed the French Open doubles crown yesterday, denying the world No. 1 pairing of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde a fourth consecutive grand slam title.

Kafelnikov and his Czech partner, who have only played together in 17 tournaments, become the first pair to keep the French doubles crown since Ken McGregor and Frank Sedgman in 1952.

Having won eight grand slam titles and strung together 23 consecutive grand slam wins, the Woodies were heavily favored coming into the final but struggled on the slow clay.

Barcelona use FIFA ruling to block Ronaldo transfer

BARCELONA (Reuters) - Barcelona have made a last-ditch effort to stop striker Ronaldo moving to Italy's Inter Milan by invoking a FIFA rule that would prevent his unnegotiated transfer to a non-Spanish club.

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Smashnova beats Rosen, reaches Tashkent challenger final

By HEATHER CHAIT

Israel's top women tennis players continued to dominate the \$50,000 challenger tournament in Tashkent over the weekend.

After Anna Smashnova and Hila Rosen both won their quarterfinal matches, they clashed with each other in the semifinal round where Smashnova proved too strong for Rosen. The score was 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Today Smashnova will meet Mexico's top player, Angelica Gavaldon, in the final.

In the quarterfinals Smashnova beat Russia's Eugenie Kukikovskaya 6-7, 6-1, 6-0 and Rosen beat Emanuela Zardo from Switzerland 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Rosen is also enjoying success in the doubles where she reached the final, accompanied by her partner Alicia Ormino from Spain.

The match was scheduled for last night.

The tournament is organized by the Israel Tennis Association and financed by Sasson Khakshouri, a major supporter of Israeli tennis who divides his time between Israel and Switzerland.

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CRITIC'S CHOICE

ISRAEL FESTIVAL

The amazing Rustaveli from Tbilisi, under its equally amazing director Robert Storr, brings a vibrant Macbeth to the Sherover. Last show tonight at 9. (Georgian with Hebrew translation.)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Portuguese pianist Maria Joao Pires joins the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra to perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 (K.271) under the baton of Spanish maestro Rafael Frickhede de Burgos...



Maria Joao Pires plays Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9.

Unfortunately, nothing else in the movie comes even close to the sustained excitement of that dynamic first bit. The script was adapted in functional, hard-boiled manner by William Goldman from David Baldacci's novel and spends a good deal of time dishing out a below-the-belt, barely masked critique of the current American president.

***** VERTIGO - No matter how many times you've seen Alfred Hitchcock's twisted 1958 masterpiece, the newly restored and re-edited version comes as a mesmerizing treat. By returning the brightness to the blue of James Stewart's eyes and digitally remastering the original tracks of Bernard Herrmann's great, swirling score...

ENGLISH THEATER

HELEN KAYE

Kate Brody's Hadassah Center Stage theater presents that delightful Little Shop of Horrors, all about a boy, a girl and an omnivorous plant that grows and grows!

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★ ★ 1/2 ABSOLUTE POWER - In a long, bravura sequence at the start of Clint Eastwood's political thriller, an expert thief (the director) accidentally witnesses a murder involving the president of the United States (Gene Hackman).

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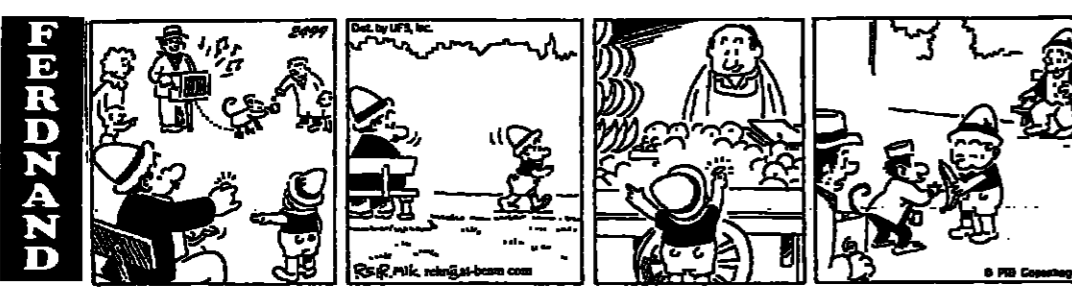
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8:30 Pirates, part 10: The Gift of Piracy (pt)
8:30 Treasure Islands, part 10 (pt)
8:30 The Enemy (pt)
9:00 Lutoslawski: Conversations with Zdzislaw

6:30 Executive Lifestyles
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22:00 Hoop It Up! Basketball
23:00 Best of Tonight
18:00 Soccer: France vs. Italy
1:00 Talk'n Jazz



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and solutions. Includes sections for ACROSS, DOWN, and QUICK CROSSWORD.

MOVIES

JERUSALEM CINEMATHEQUE Pink Floyd - The Wall 5 - (See Edition) 7 To Gillian on Her 7th Birthday 9:15 German Silent Films 9:30 G.G. GIL Jerusalem Mall (Majal) = 6789448 Beavis and Butt-head: The Movie 9:30 7:15, 9:45 - The Saint-The Old Feeling-Marco Polo-The Chamber 5, 7:15, 9:45 - Head Above Water 5, 7:15, 9:45 - G.G. GIL = 6789448 Romeo and Juliet Reservations = 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Haronim St. Telport Con Air 5, 7:30, 9:45 - The English Patient 5, 6:15, 9:45 - Absolute Power 5, 7:15, 9:45 - Ghosts of Mississippi 5, 7:15, 9:45 - Maximum Risk-Metro 5, 7:30, 9:45 - 101 Dalmatians 5, 7:30, 9:45 - MIAVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL = 6708888 Shine-The Saint 4:45, 7:15, 10 - SMADAR A Self-Made Hero 7:45, 10 - Beautiful Thing 5:30 - AVIV DIZENBOFF = 5101370 Head Above Water-Blood and Water-Kolya 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5, 7:45, 10 GAT Everyone Says I Love You 5, 7:30, 9:45 - GORDON Romeo and Juliet 6, 8, 10 G.G. 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NEWS

in brief

IDF cans officer who insulted Ethiopian

An IDF major who insulted an Ethiopian soldier seeking medical aid is being forced out of military service and will not be allowed to extend his contract with the army.

Maj. Michael Walitzkin, a logistics officer in the Hermon Brigade, sought to sign on for a further advancement in his military career, but an IDF committee deciding on such matters rejected his request. OC Manpower Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer then ruled that Walitzkin would have to leave the IDF in the coming months.

Walitzkin caused an uproar last March when he told Ethiopian-born Sgt. Avi Azmara that he couldn't be seen by a doctor, and a sign should be posted on the door saying: "No blacks allowed."

Arich O'Sullivan

British firm buys more Bezeq shares

The British-based Cable & Wireless has increased its holding in Bezeq to 10.02 percent. In recent months its holding had diluted from that figure to 9.86%. The shares were purchased on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

"We have bought the shares as a demonstration of our commitment to Bezeq and to the telecommunications of the Near East region," said Group Development and Regional Business director Richard Wainright-Lee.

David Harris

Tira resident killed at entrance to home

A Tira resident was shot dead at the entrance to his home on Friday night. Police said the killer had apparently waited for Ata Abd Elhai, 50, and his family to return from a wedding, and shot him as he entered the home. Police suspect the murder was drug-related.

Itim

Man stabbed in Bat Yam

A 34-year-old man was stabbed on Friday night at a Bat Yam garage, in what police said was a criminal attack. He was taken to Wolfson Hospital in Holon, where his wounds were described as moderate. Police are searching for the assailant.

Itim

Nine arrested in Nazareth brawl

An argument between two drivers in Nazareth on Thursday night over who had the right of way led to a brawl which left nine people in jail and one person in hospital. A Magen David Adom crew took one of the driver's relatives, who was lightly injured, to the Italian Hospital in Nazareth, while police arrested the others involved in the incident.

Itim

3 win Polack Prize for Literature and Culture

This year's Yisrael Polack Prize for Literature and Culture was awarded on Friday to actress Orna Porat, cantorial researcher Akiva Zimmerman, and painter Moshe Rosentis. The prize ceremony was held at Shalom Aleichem House in Tel Aviv, to mark 81 years since the writer's death.

Itim

Local authorities end strike

By DAVID HARRIS

After striking for a month, workers at some 250 municipalities return to work today following a compromise agreement between their representative Union of Local Authorities (ULA) and the Treasury.

The agreement came early Friday, after a full day of talks between the ULA, Finance Minister Dan Meridor and Interior Minister Eli Suissa, and with intervention from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Treasury will make a one-time payment to the local authorities of NIS 300 million this year, of which half is already budgeted for by the Interior Ministry, to be followed by NIS 500m. next year and a further NIS 200m. in 1999. Currently, the municipalities have an overall budget deficit of NIS 4 billion.

The agreement stipulates that these transfers will take place on condition that local authorities balance their books and do not accumulate large deficits, agree to deal with pay excesses, downsize and implement efficiency drives.

During Friday's cabinet meeting, Netanyahu described the agreement as the opening of a new chapter in relations between central and local government. He also thanked the various ministers who helped in reaching the compromise.

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Block the road

Some of an estimated 200 protesters pose Friday at a demonstration opposite Tel Aviv's Rehov Arlosorov train station, calling to cancel the Trans-Israel Highway as an ecological disaster and to develop public transportation instead.

Lieberman: Unity gov't unlikely

By SARAH HONG

The formation of a national unity government remains a "very unlikely scenario," according to Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieberman.

Lieberman, who was the main Friday night guest on Channel 2's Weekend Magazine, also vehemently denied rumors that he is about to resign his post.

Lieberman did not think that the changing of the guard in Labor makes any difference so far as a national unity government is concerned.

"As things stand, I see no reason for it," he said. "Nothing has changed to make it a more attractive option, and at the same time, how can one even contemplate the thought, when there is so much continuous mud-slinging from the other side and so much malicious maligning?"

He said that "among the factors which indicate strength for a nation, unity is a very major one. A united nation is always perceived outside as considerably stronger than one which is torn by internal dissension and strife. We are ready to contribute towards and to sacrifice for unity, but we are not blind and we are not suckers."

The director-general also denied that both he and Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu have undergone a metamorphosis and are now far more peace-oriented than they had been.

"There was no metamorphosis and no need for one to want peace. I am speaking as a settler myself and I am all for a controlled risk. But this indicates no change of attitude towards the Oslo process as such. The Oslo agreements continue to be disastrously bad, and yet they are what we are stuck with," he said.

Lieberman said his red lines are "a Palestinian state, evacuating any settlements or leaving them under Arab rule, and overlooking blatant and flagrant violations of the agreements by the PA, including the failure to do away with the Palestinian Covenant."

Lieberman hotly denied that he has considered resigning or been offered a top managerial position by the Africa-Israel Corporation.

"I never considered stepping down and I will do so only if offered the job I really want - to be a soccer commentator on Channel 2. Otherwise I hope to keep my present job for three more years."

He did report, however, that his wife, Ala, has decided to run for the Likud central committee.

Gesher conquers London

By HELEN KAYE

Tickets to the five performances in the London run of the Israeli Gesher Theater production of Yehoshua Sobol's *Kfar* were sold out weeks in advance of the premiere at the venerable Lyric

Theater, Hammersmith last week. "The audience is on its feet shouting bravo, and the actors are taking five or six curtain calls every night," said Gesher's Michal Sheffan, who is in London with the company.

Gesher, cited by the British press as one of the world's leading theater

companies, has been touring the UK for five weeks and the play has received rave reviews. The demand for tickets was so great that Sobol himself gave up his own seat to a desperate fan and waited in the foyer.

The Royal National Theater is said to be considering an English-language production of the play, which follows the fortunes of a family on a moshav from the British mandate period to independence.

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Tiberias	20-35
Afula	19-33
Sarona	19-32
Tel Aviv	20-29
Jerusalem	19-31
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Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear. Rise in temperatures.

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	LOW	HI	WIND	COND.
Amsterdam	15	21	29	cloudy
Berlin	15	20	29	clear
Buenos Aires	15	24	24	clear
Caracas	26	32	12	clear
Chicago	14	22	22	clear
Copenhagen	10	15	22	clear
Frankfurt	16	21	22	clear
Geneva	16	21	22	clear
Helsinki	08	13	23	clear
Hong Kong	29	32	22	cloudy
London	15	20	22	cloudy
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Manila	26	32	12	clear
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Rome	16	21	22	cloudy
Stockholm	10	15	22	clear
Taipei	26	32	12	clear
Tokyo	18	24	22	cloudy
Toronto	15	20	22	clear
Vancouver	15	20	22	clear
Zurich	15	21	22	cloudy

Winning cards

The winning cards in Friday's Chance draw (15497) were the nine of spades, jack of hearts, eight of diamonds, and eight of clubs.

Government launches war on pay excesses

By DAVID HARRIS

Legislation will be introduced in the Knesset to make sweeping reforms in public sector pay following the government's approval on Friday of the recommendations of the Kucik report on salary excesses. The issue was brought to the cabinet by Finance Minister Dan Meridor.

The government first discussed the issue in April, but with various ministers - including Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Foreign Minister David Levy, and Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy - opposing the plans, Meridor was asked to enter negotiations with the Union of Local Authorities, which the report claimed was the key guilty party.

It seems likely the compromise that has brought about the end to the ULA strike, also reached on Friday, was linked to the approval of the Kucik report.

In the annual Public Bodies Salaries Report, Treasury director of Wages and Labor

Agreements Yossi Kucik claimed that 62 percent of public-sector bodies paid salaries at least 5% higher than the Treasury-set targets in 1995. A year earlier that figure was 53%.

In approving the report and its recommendations, the government expressed its deep concern at the findings. The measures were approved to ensure the effective enforcement of the law, according to a statement from the cabinet secretary's office.

Among the measures that will be taken are:

- With advice from the Interior and Justice Ministries the Treasury will appoint within 30 days a team that will establish the requirements of the new bill that will outlaw pay excesses.

- The creation of a legal-economic team that will process actions against those thought to be in breach of pay regulations.

- Those in breach will face reductions or total cancellations of grants or other central government payments.

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